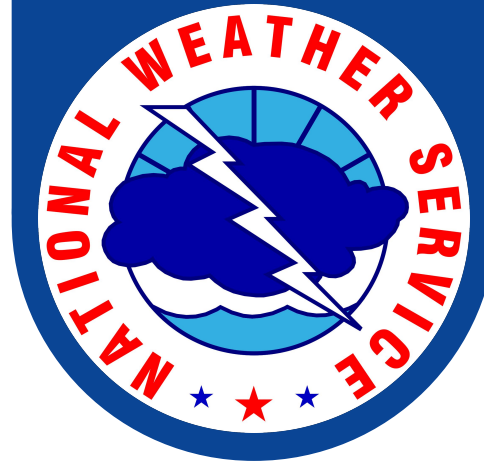




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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

## Saturday, October 31, 2026

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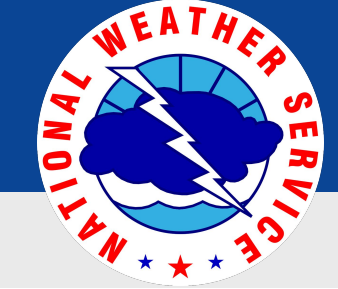
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# Summary

- **Flash Flooding:**
  - **Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) Saturday over far W NMA.**
  - **Moderate risk (level 3 of 4) Sunday over NW NM (including the ongoing recovery area along the San Juan River) with a slight risk over N/W NM.**
    - **Rainfall rates up to 1" per hour.**
  - **Marginal risk Monday over OK, NW AR, N/NE/C TX as the system moves east; and over AR, E TX, LA and SE OK on Tuesday.**
- **Severe Storms:**
  - **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) Sunday over NM, W TX Panhandle and far W TX.**
  - **Slight risk (level 2 of 5) Monday over OK and N/NW TX on Monday.**
  - **Monitoring E TX, AR and LA on Tuesday.**
- **River Flooding:**
  - **Monitoring N/C NM for local rises Sunday-Monday.**
- **Tropical:**
  - **No tropical development is expected in the next 7 days.**





# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

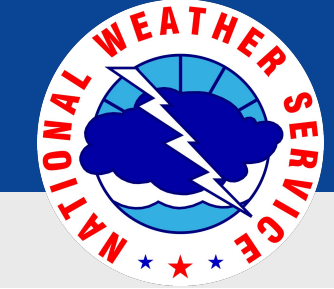
|                                | Saturday, Oct 31 | Sunday, Nov 1                      | Monday, Nov 2           | Tuesday, Nov 3                | Wednesday, Nov 4 | Thursday, Nov 5 | Friday, Nov 6 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Severe Storms                  |                  | NM, W TX<br>Panhandle,<br>Far W TX | OK, N/NW TX             | Monitoring E<br>TX, AR and LA |                  |                 |               |
| Heavy Rain /<br>Flash Flooding | Far W NM         | NW NM                              | OK, NW AR,<br>N/NE/C TX | AR, E TX, LA, SE<br>OK        |                  |                 |               |
|                                |                  | N/W NM                             |                         |                               |                  |                 |               |
| Fire Weather                   |                  |                                    |                         |                               |                  |                 |               |
| Tropical                       |                  |                                    |                         |                               |                  |                 |               |
| River Flooding                 |                  | N/C NM                             | N/C NM                  |                               |                  |                 |               |

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

|             |                |       |          |       |         |
|-------------|----------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| Risk Levels | Little to None | Minor | Moderate | Major | Extreme |
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# Current Radar/Hazards



**Flood Watches in N/W NM on Sunday.**





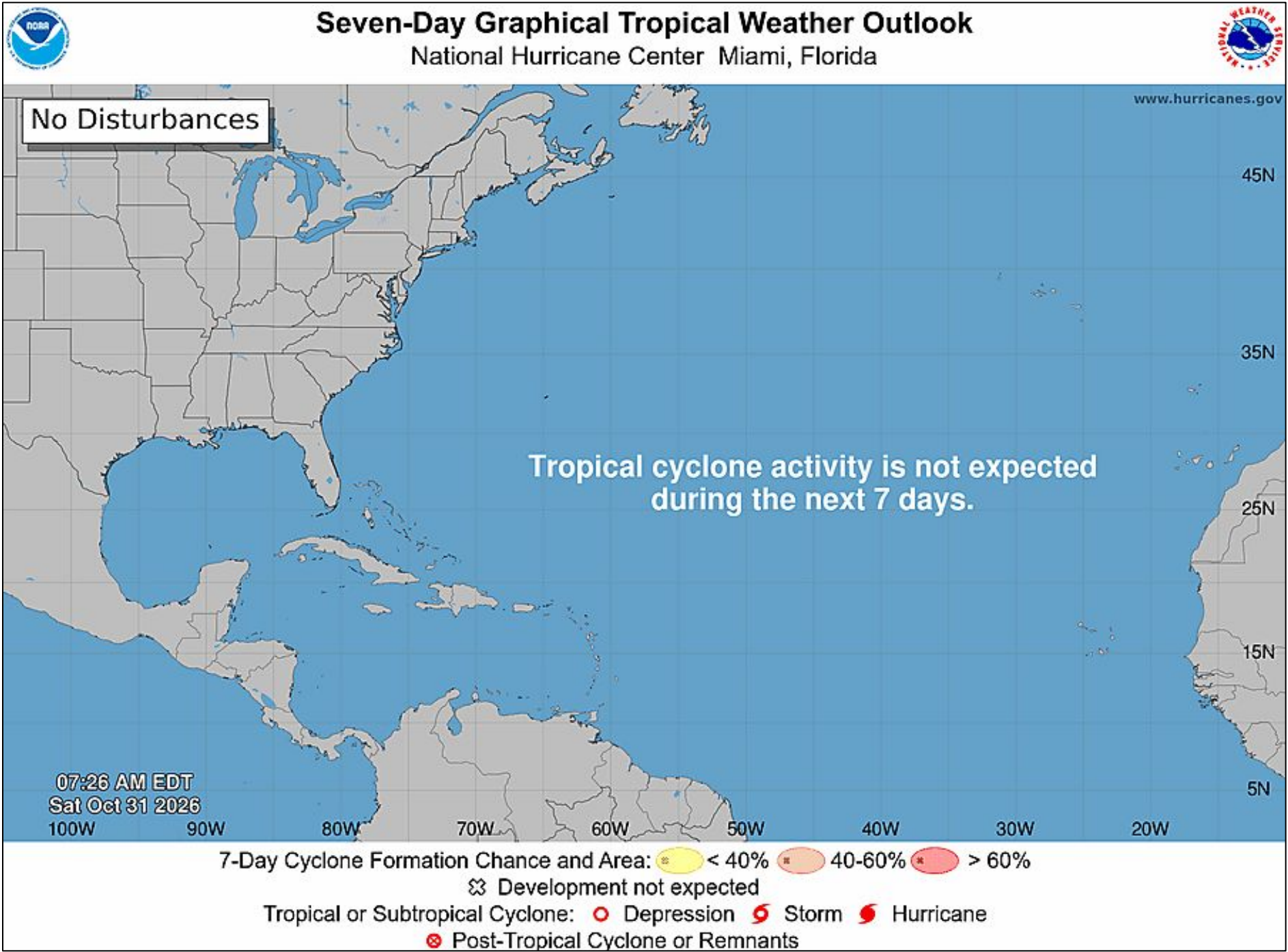
# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf

## Areas of Possible Development

| Area | Chance of Development | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|      |                       |                             |

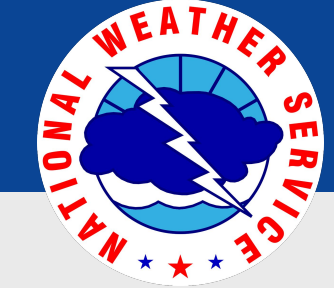
## Active Tropical Cyclones

| Storm | Potential Impacts to FEMA 6 |
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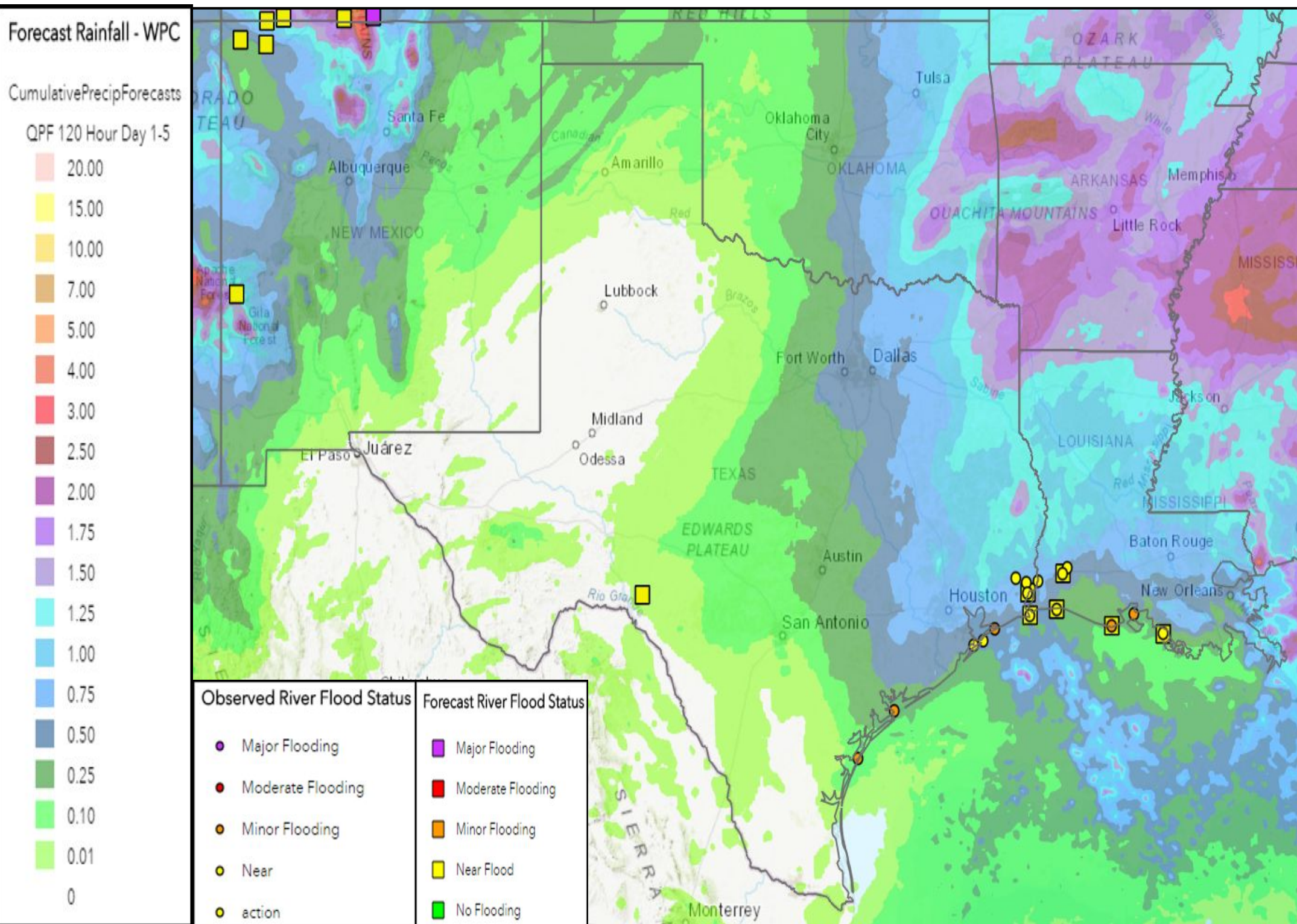
See <http://www.hurricanes.gov> for the latest on the tropics or any active storms





# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*



**Monitoring N/C NM for local rises this Sunday-Monday.**

*Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.*



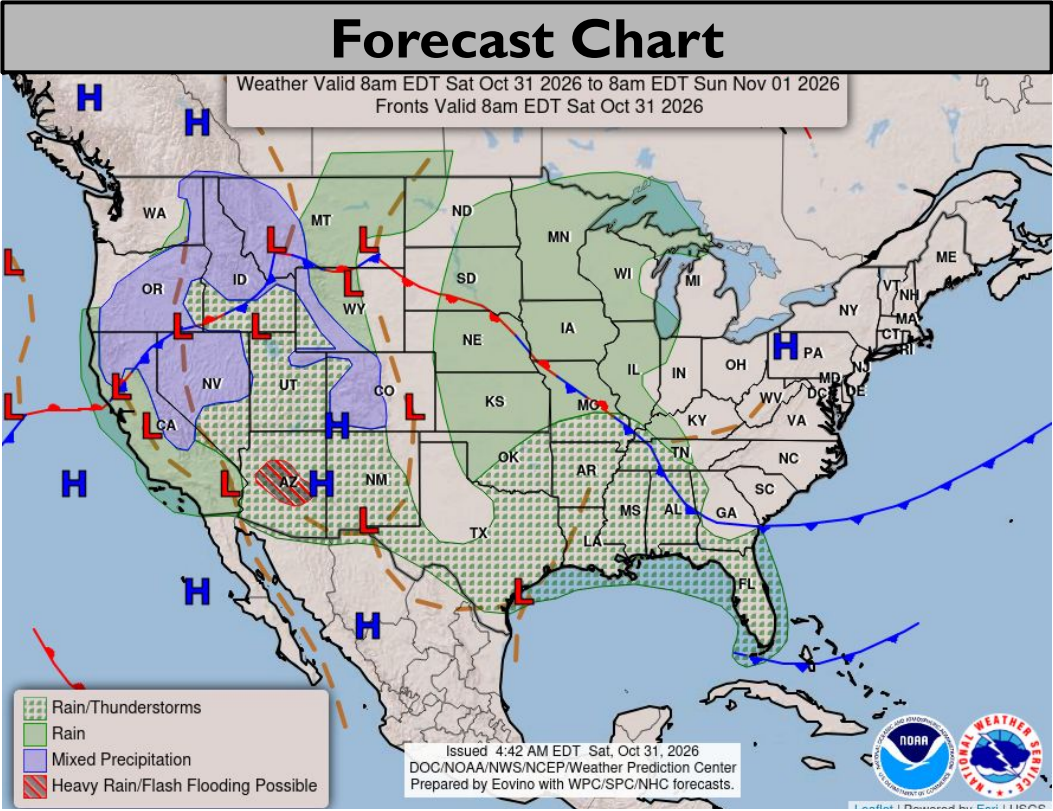
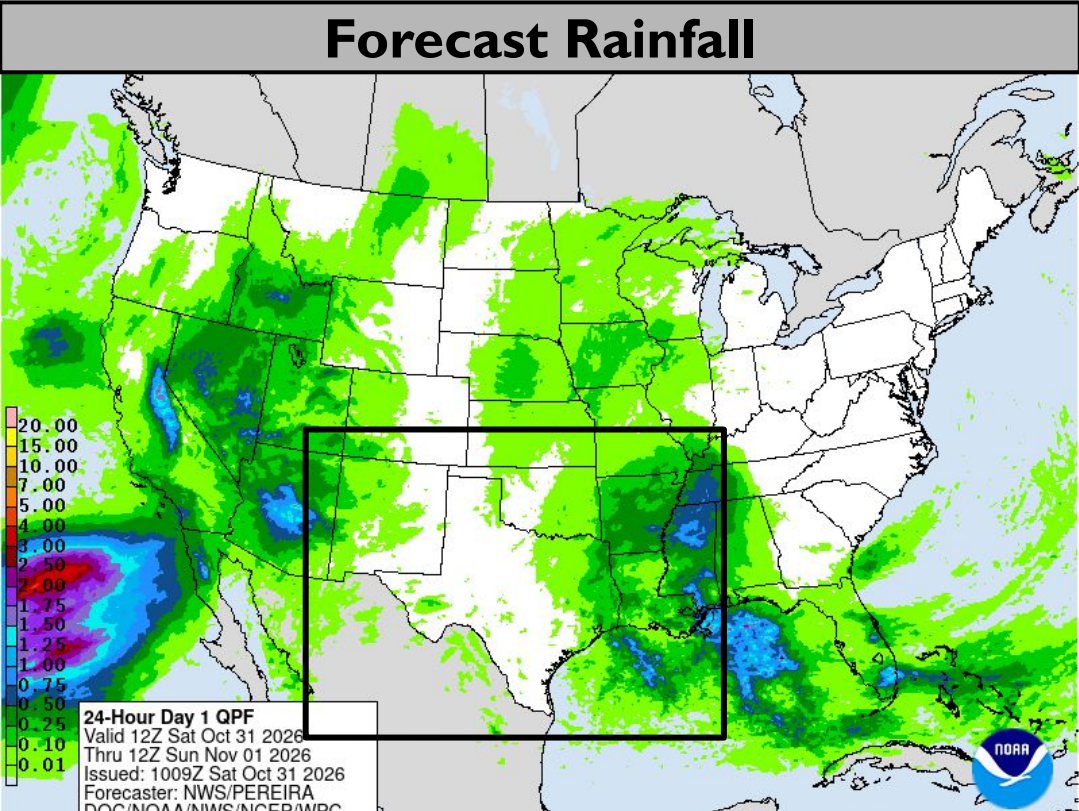
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See <https://water.noaa.gov/> for latest river flooding

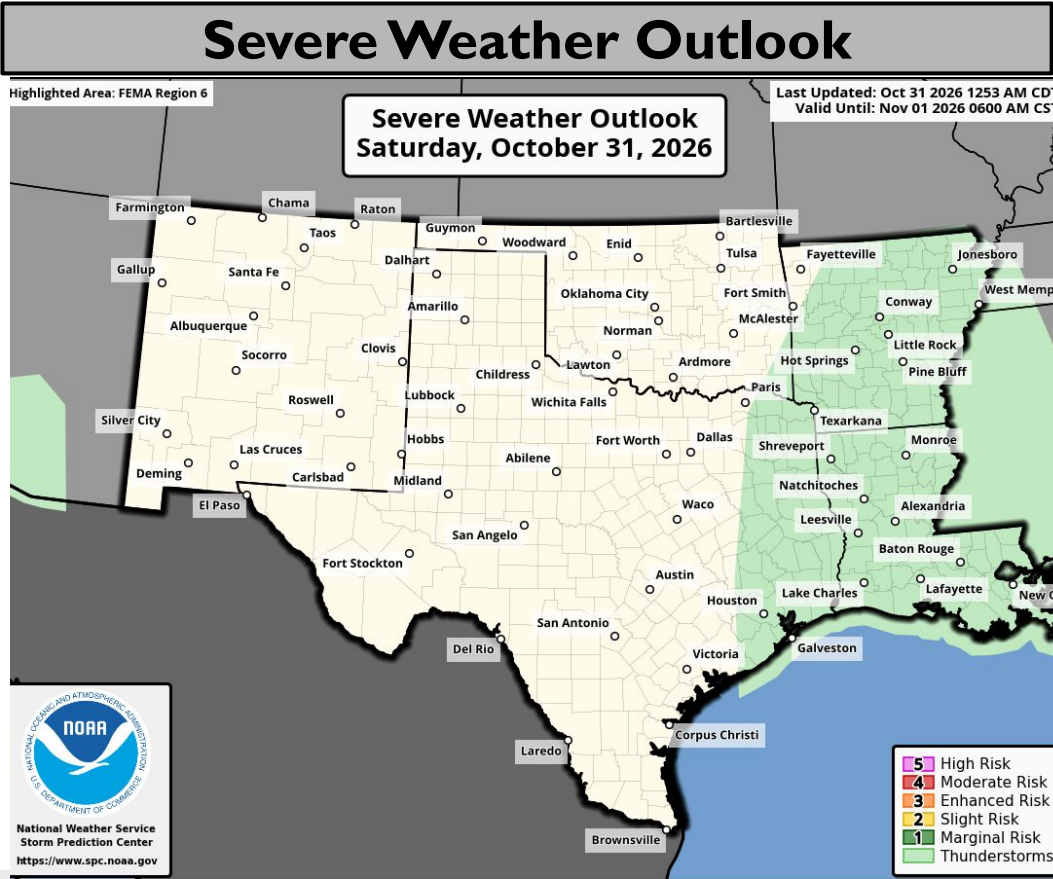
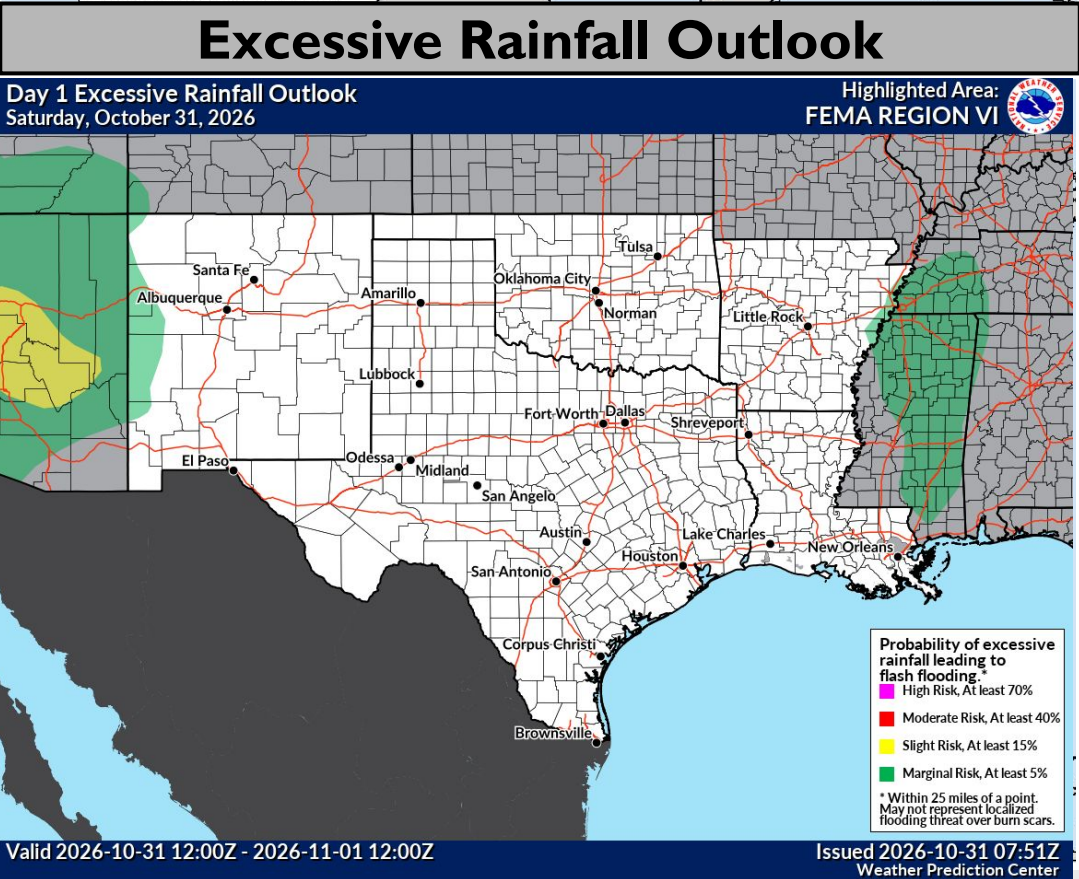
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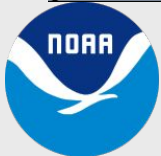
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**Marginal risk (level I of 4) for flash far W NM.**

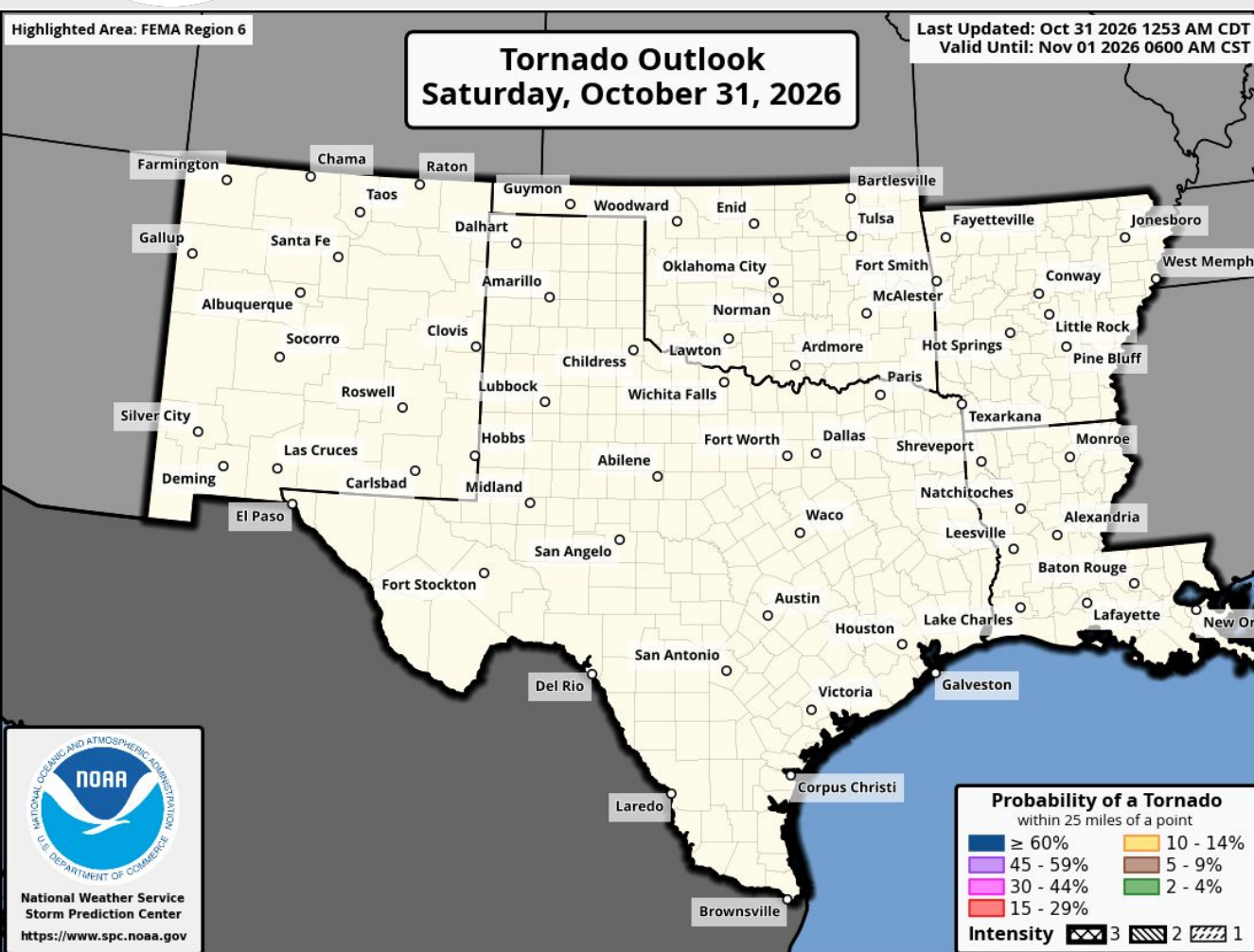
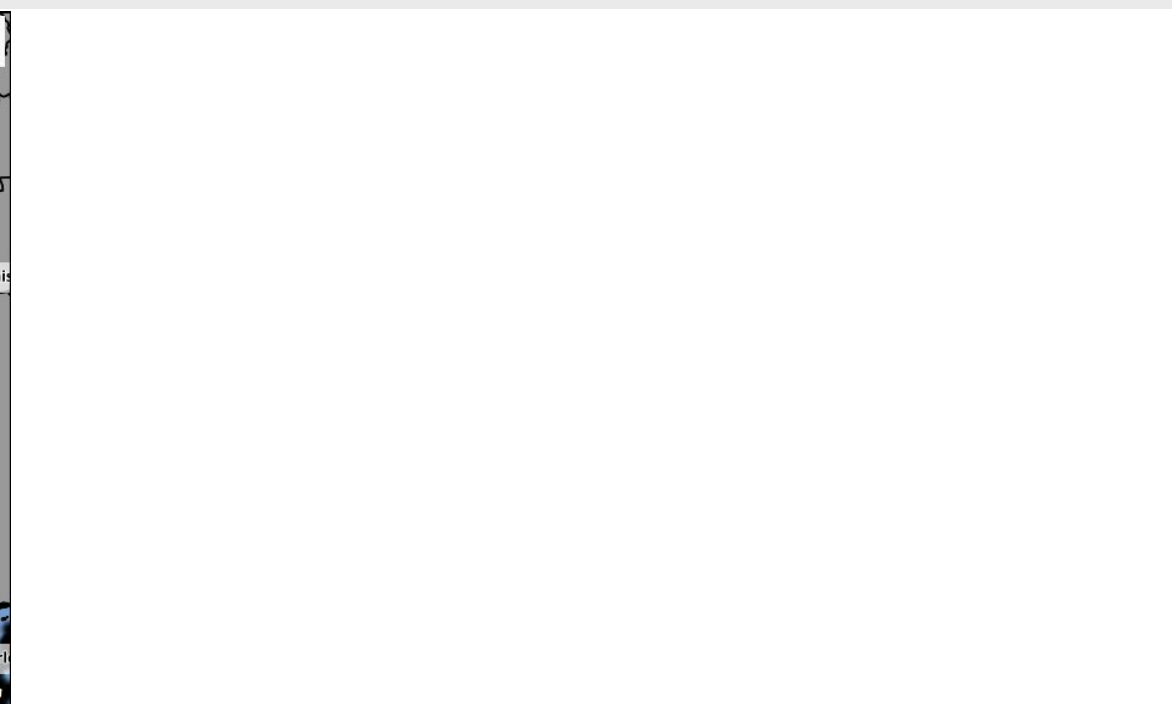
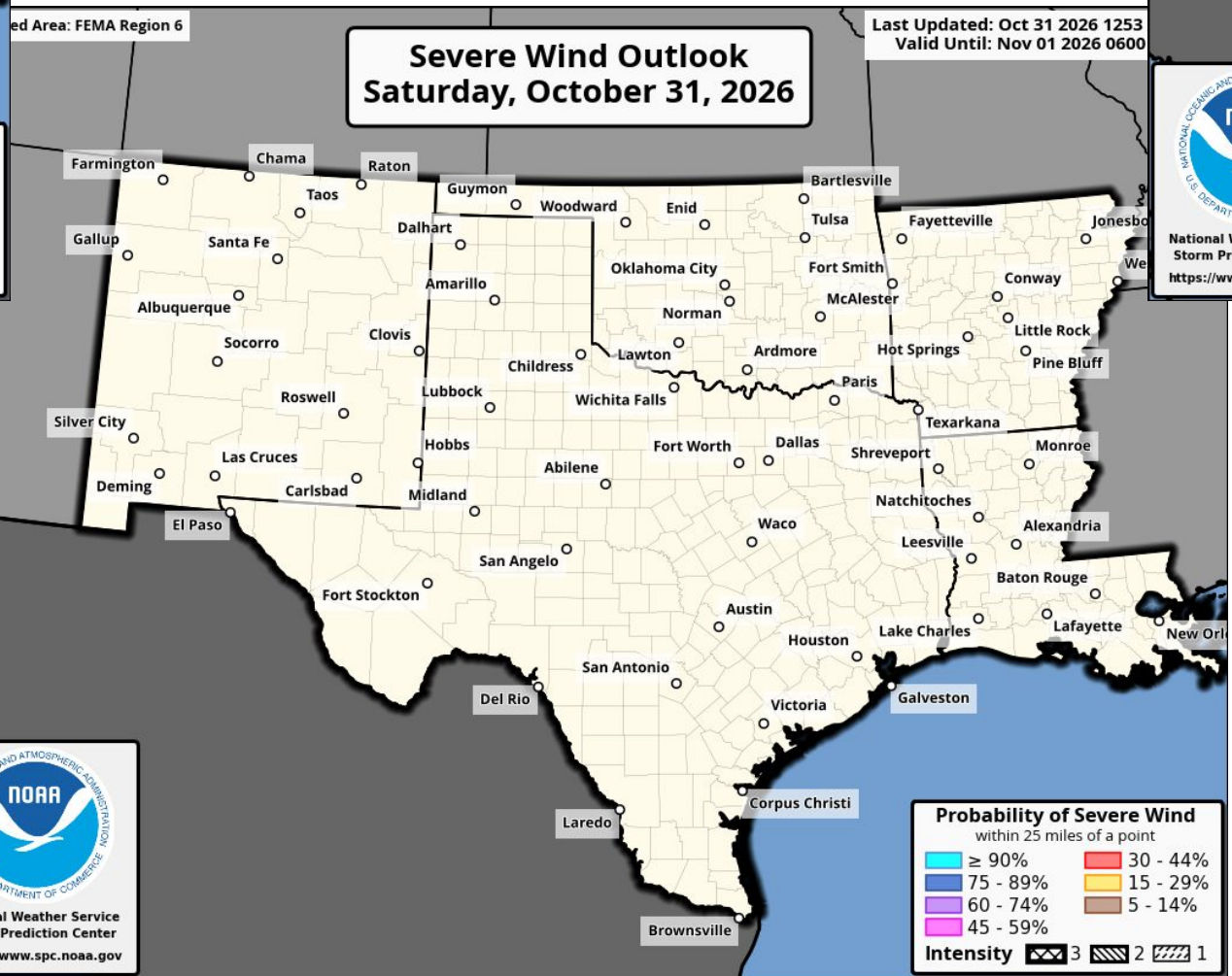
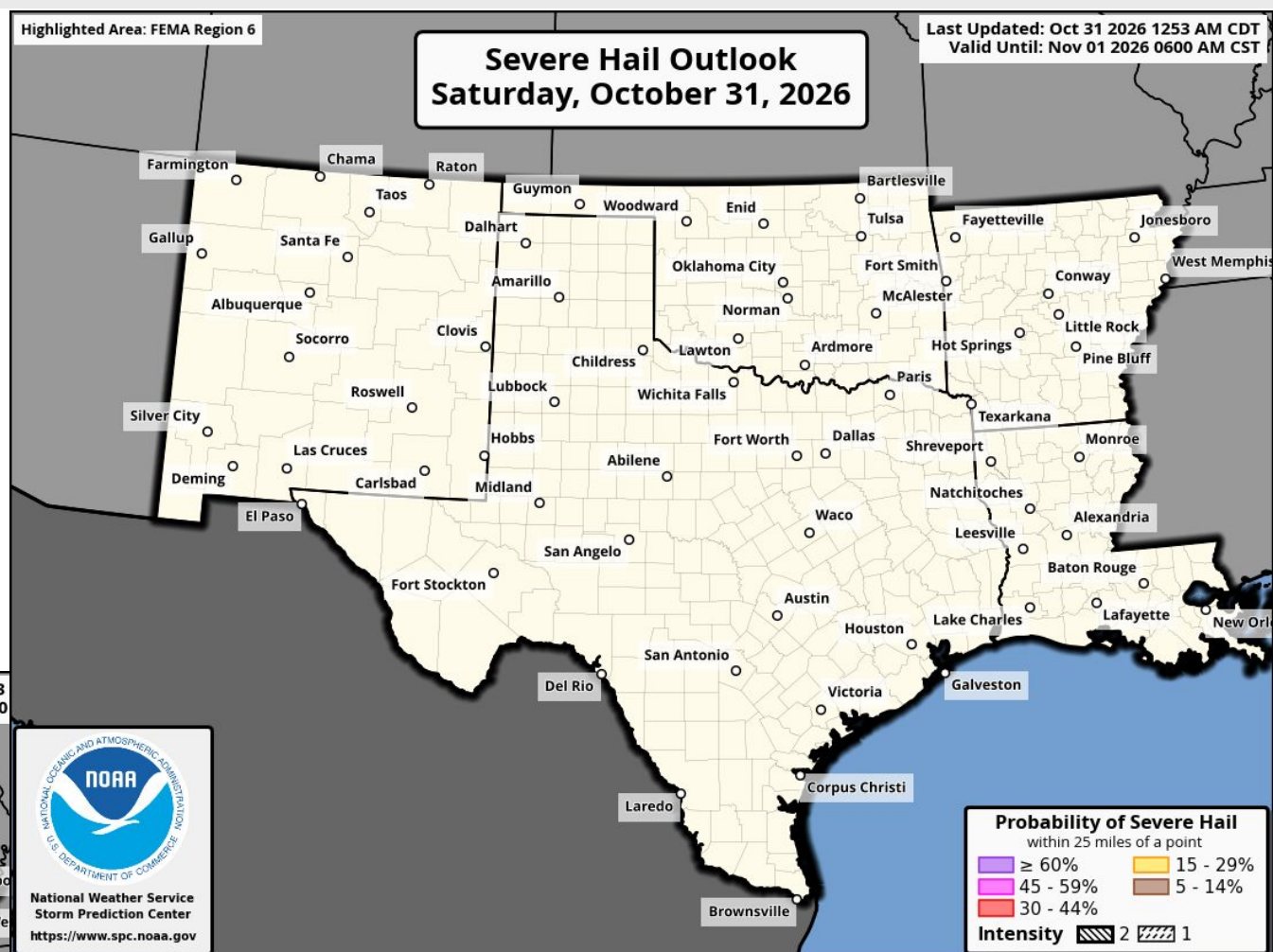


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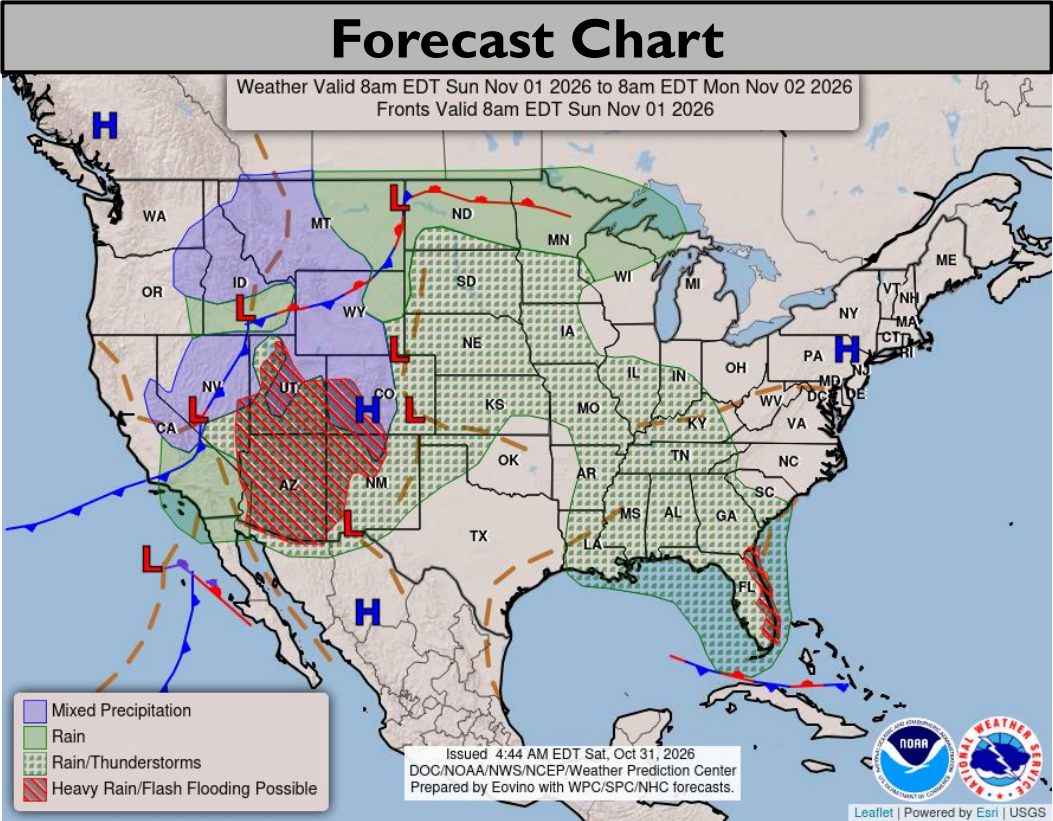
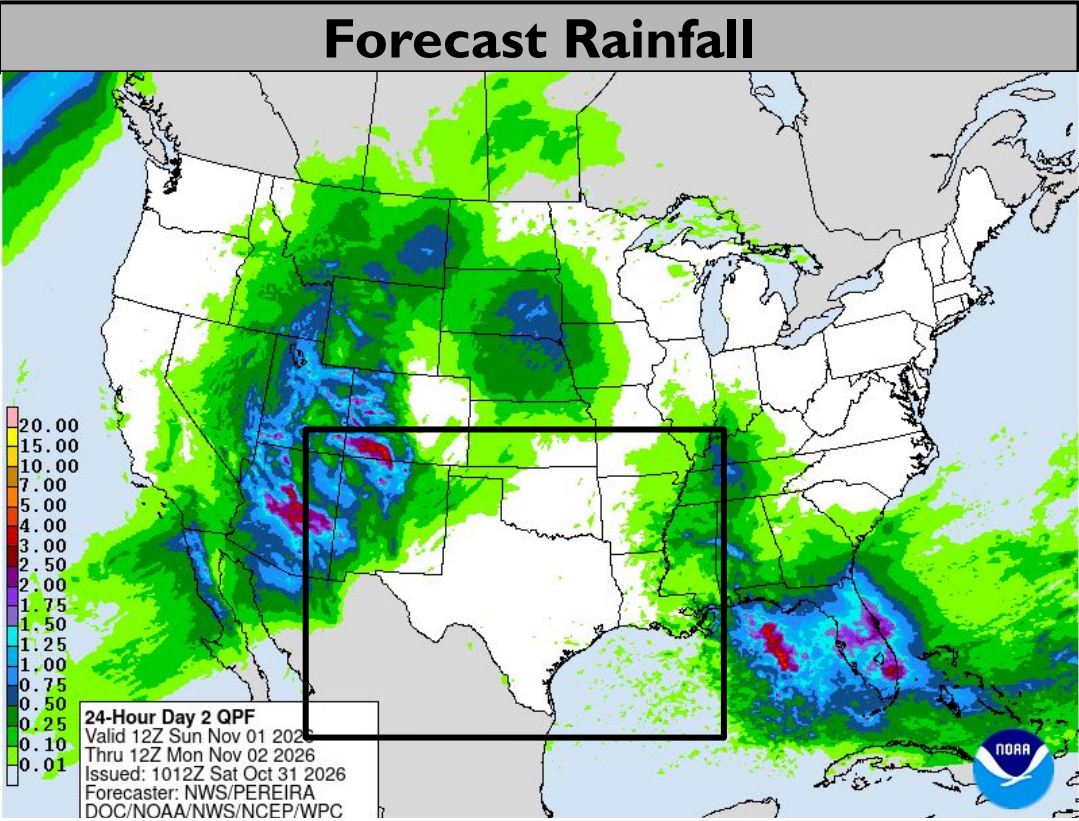
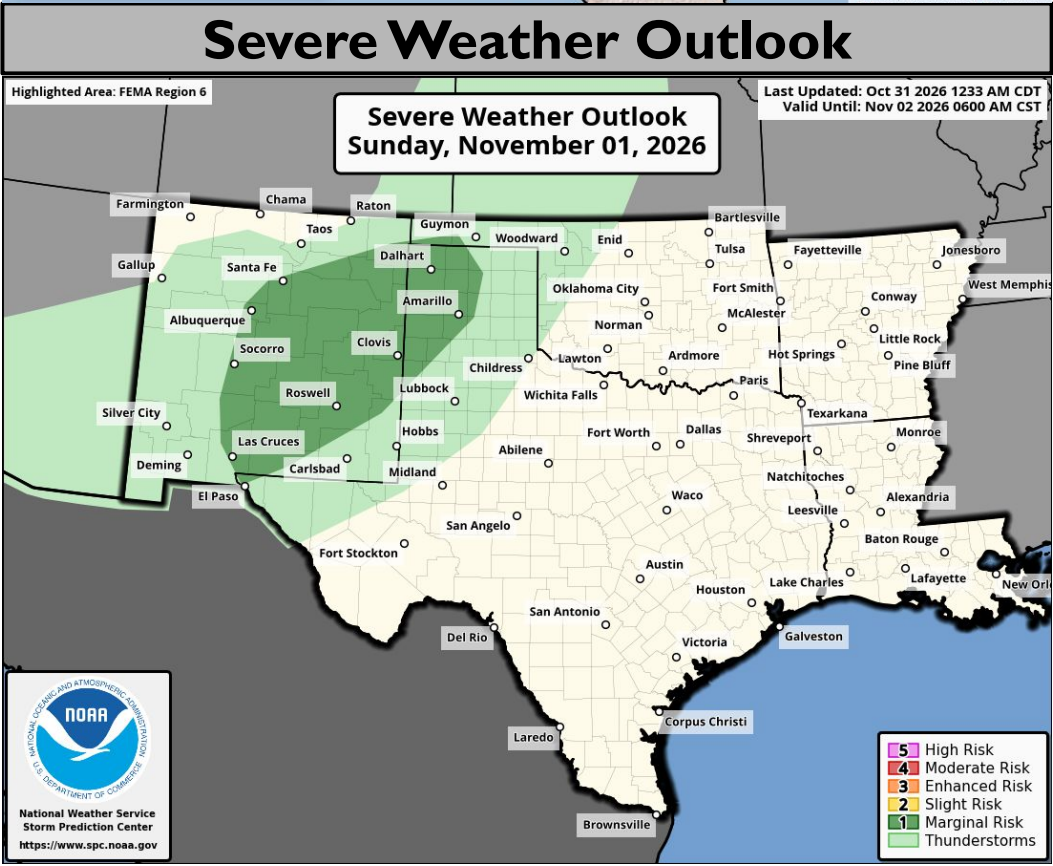
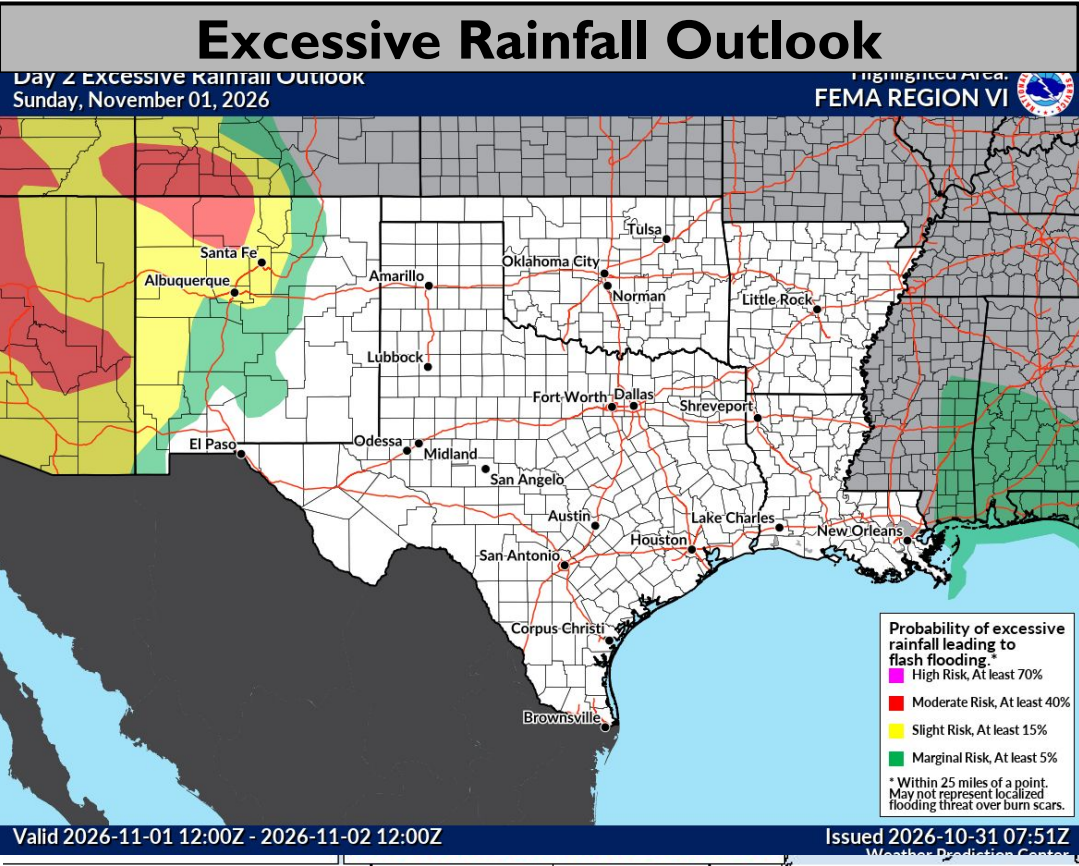


# Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities





# Tomorrow's Weather



**Moderate risk (level 3 of 4) for flash flooding in NW NM.**

**Slight risk (level 2 of 4) for flash flooding in N/W NM.**

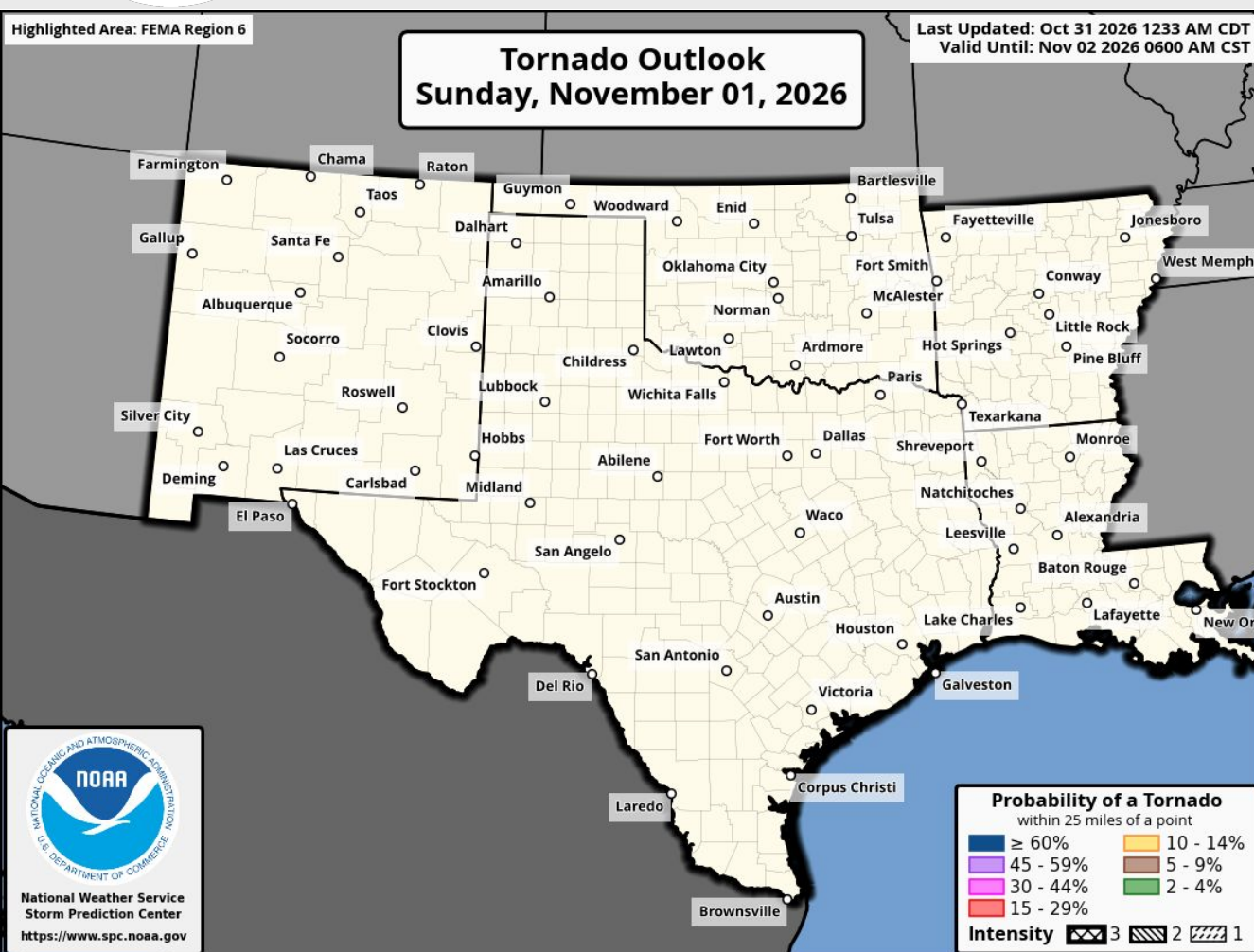
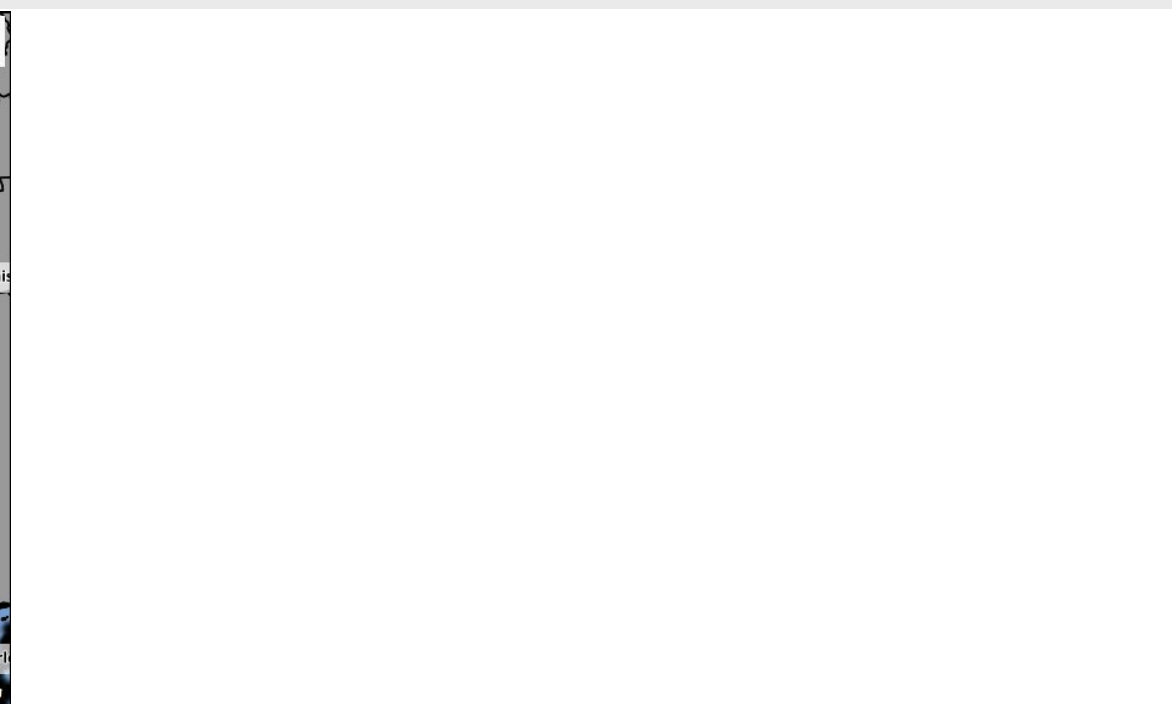
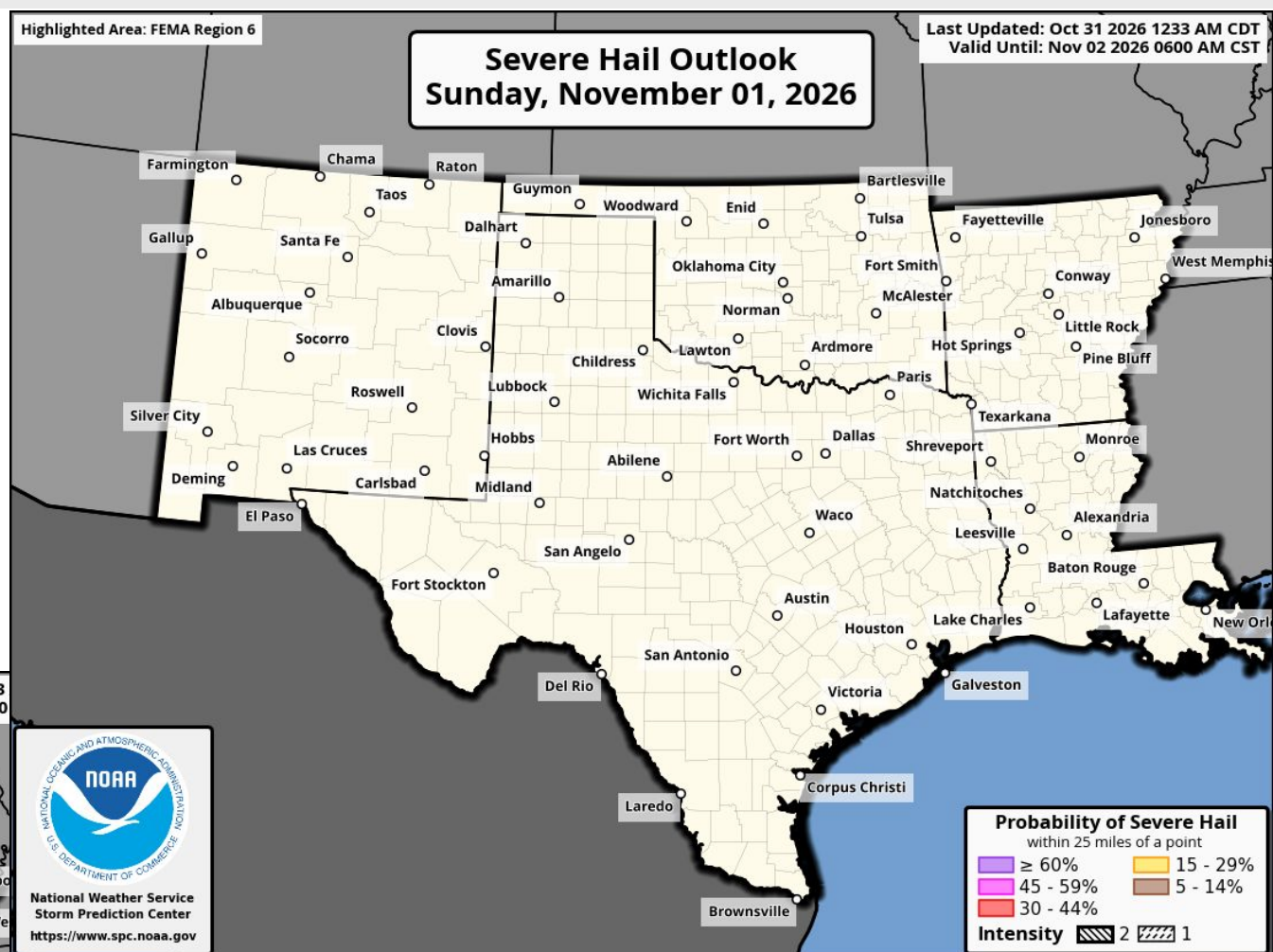
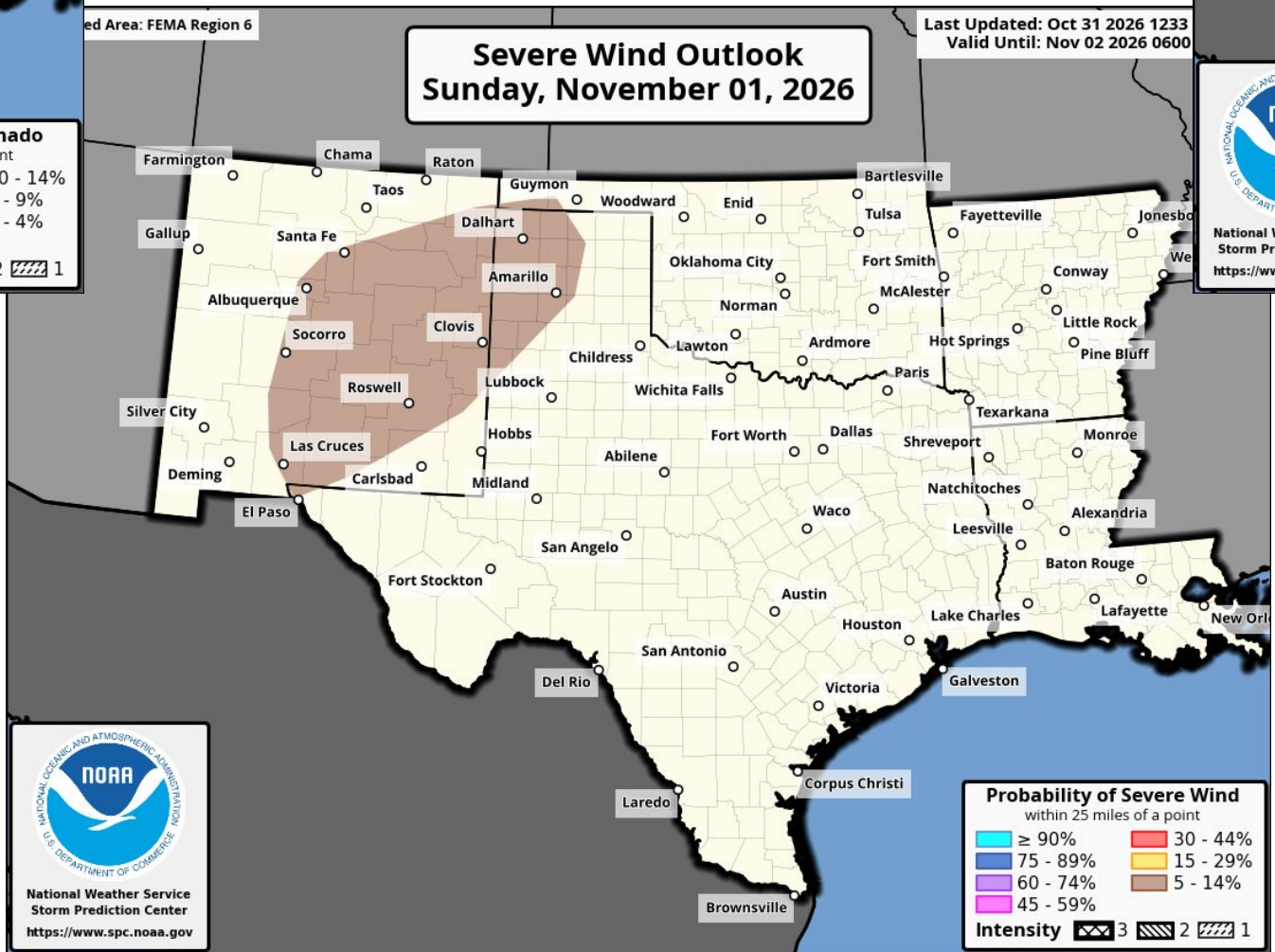
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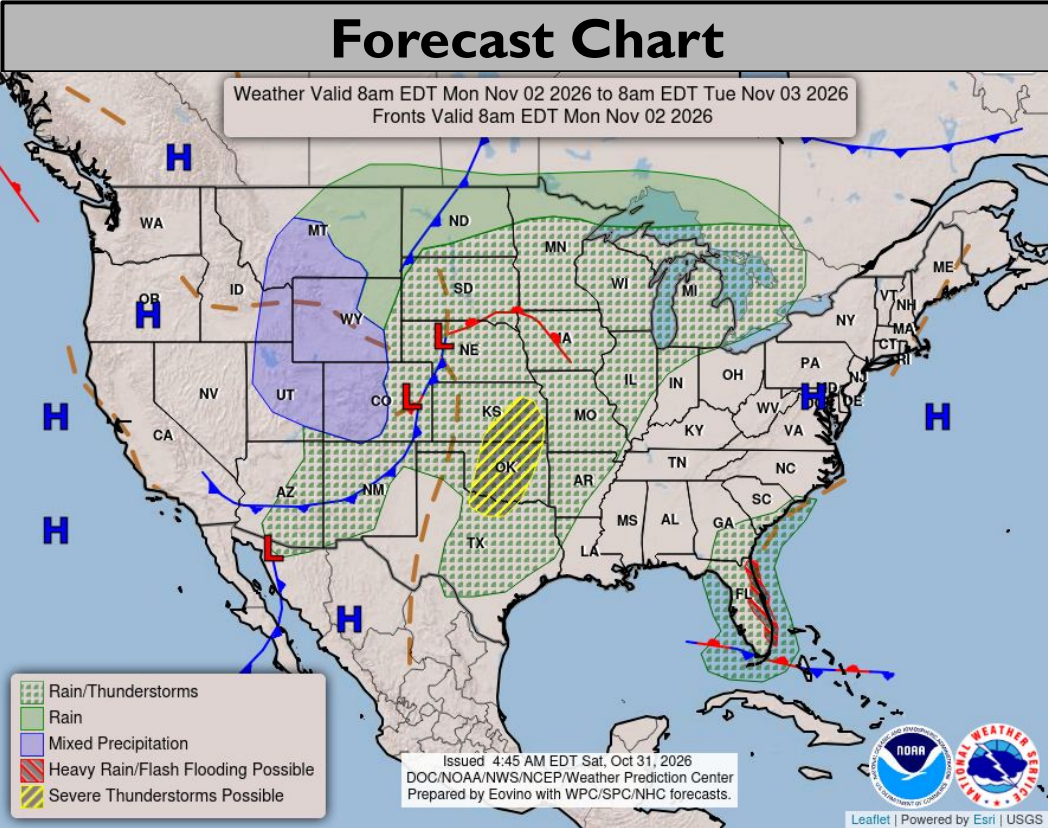
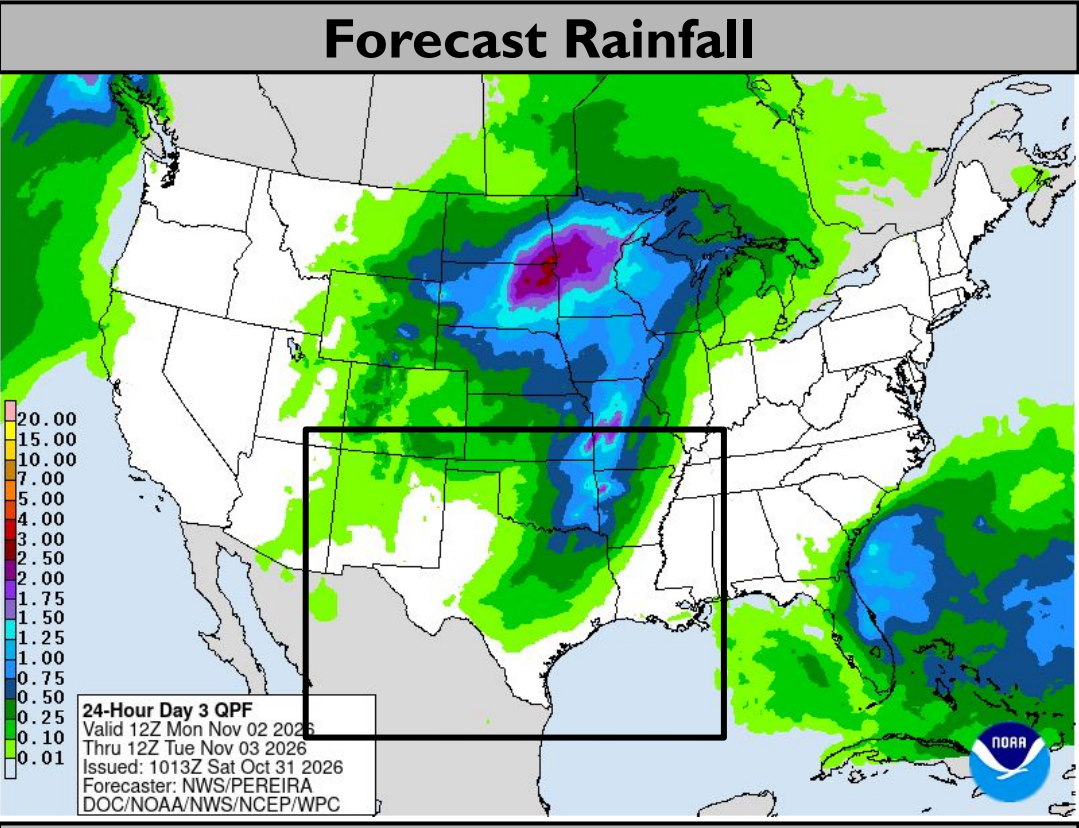


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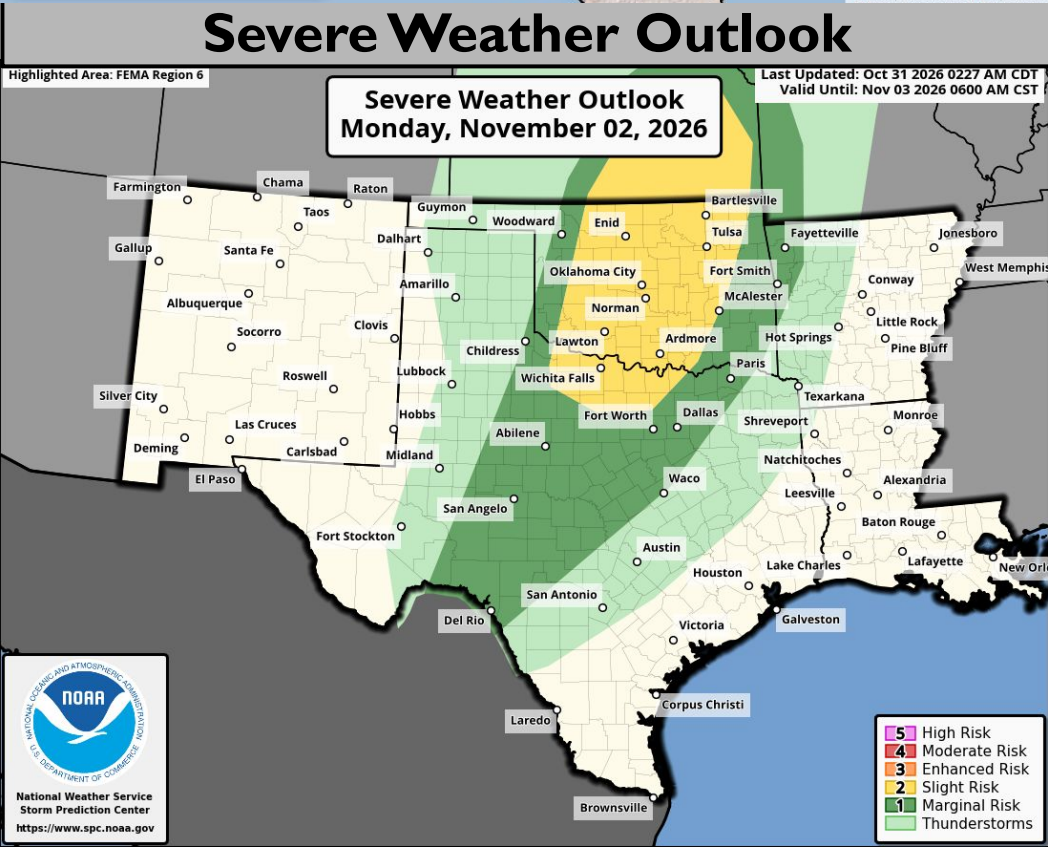
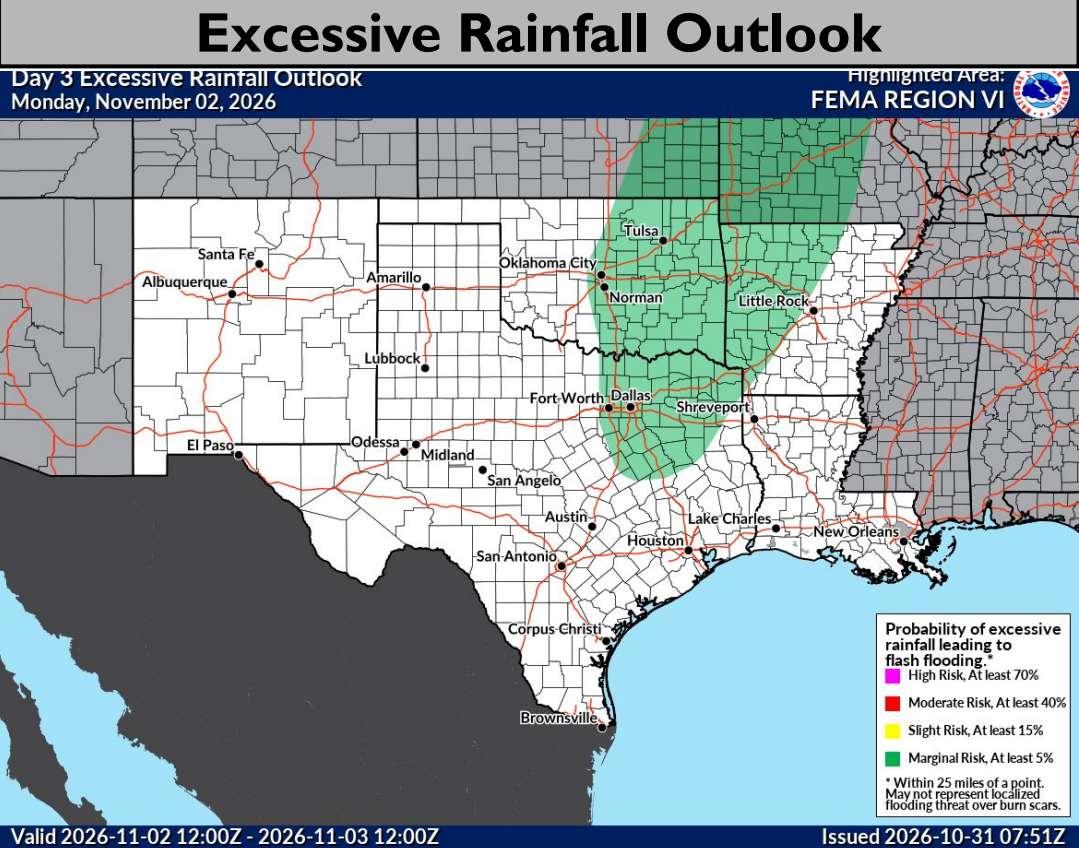


# Monday's Weather



**Slight risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms in OK, N/NW TX.**

**Marginal risk (level 1 of 4) for flash flooding in OK, NW AR, N/NE/CTX.**

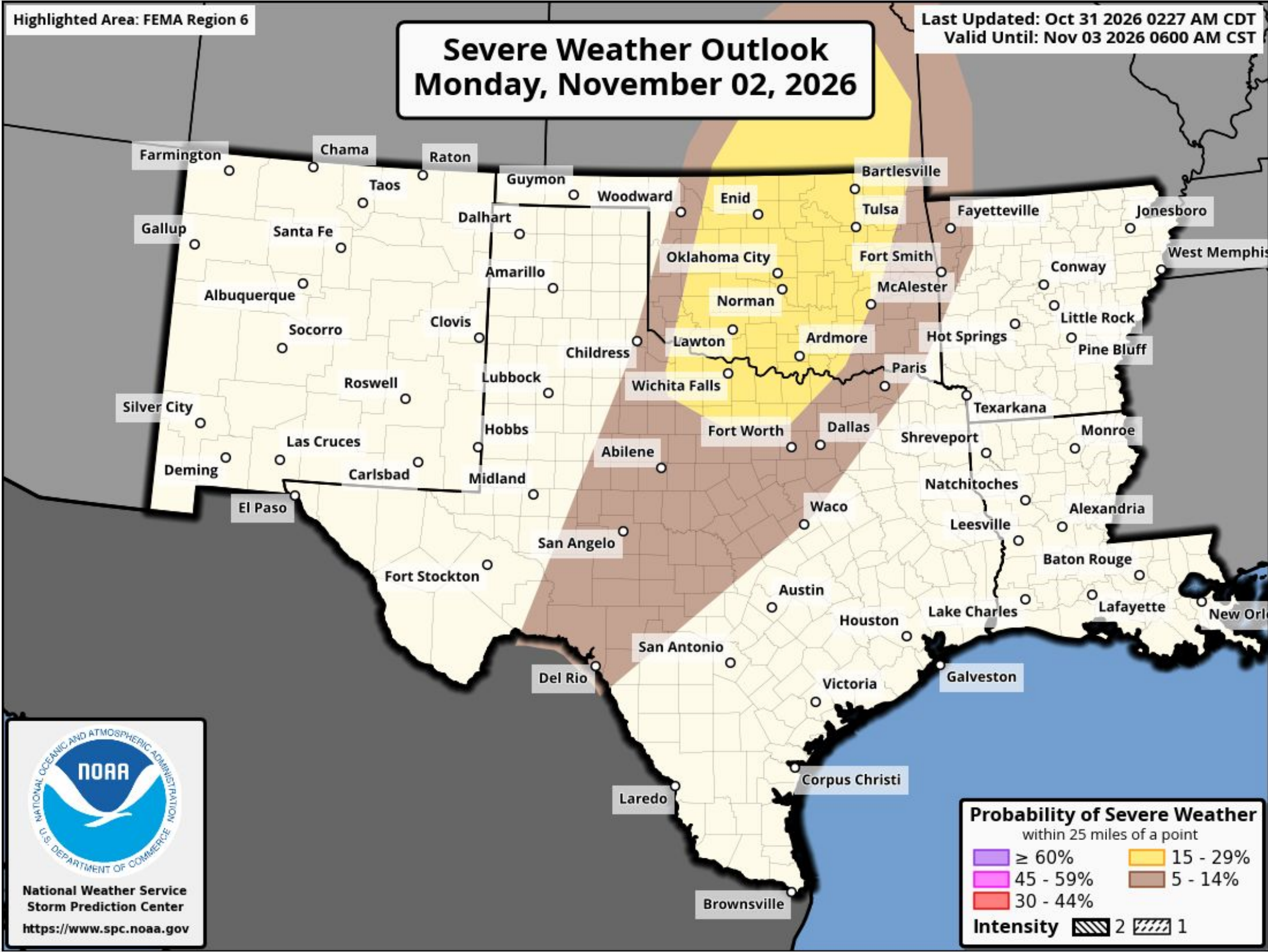


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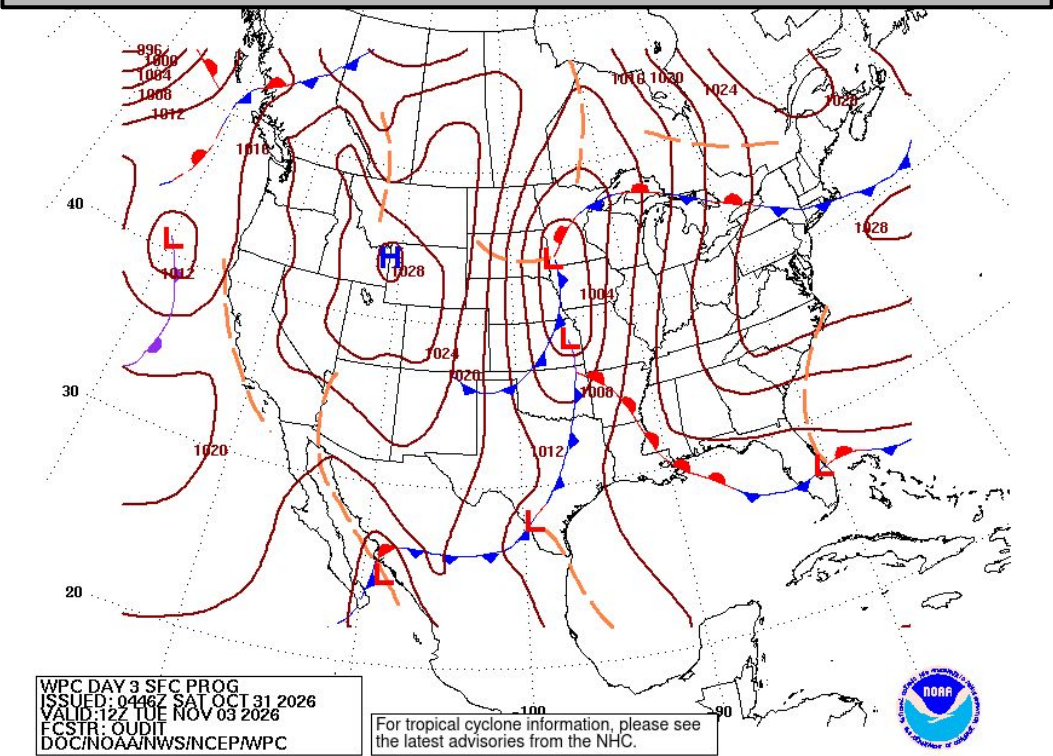
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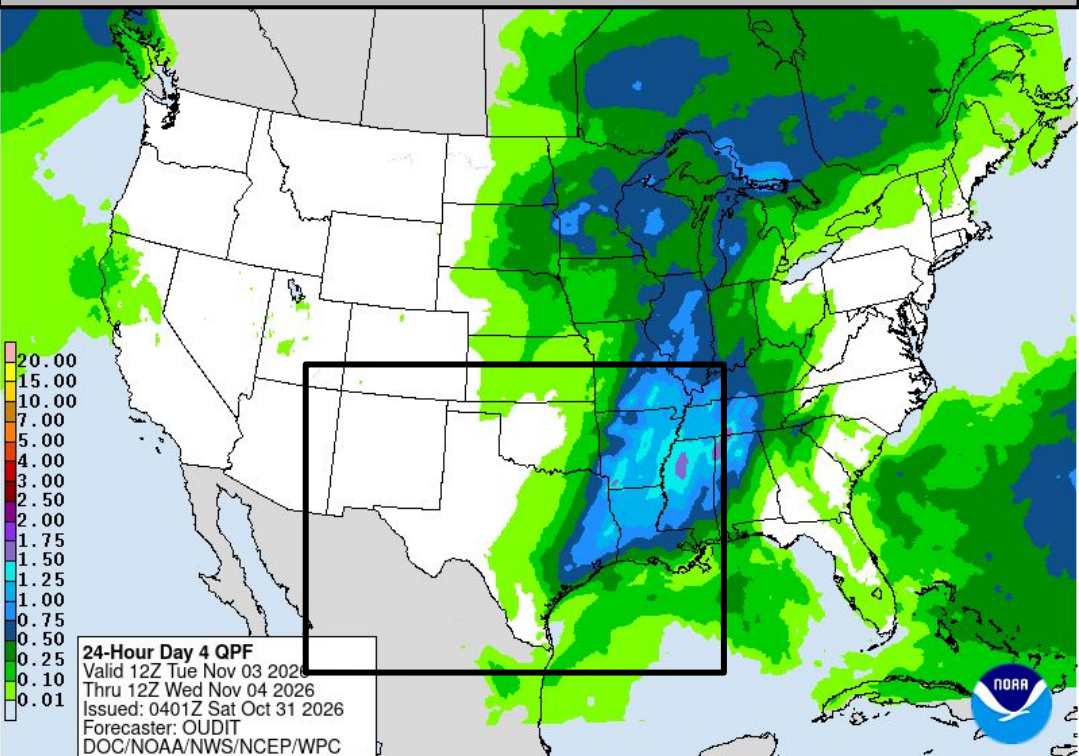


# Tuesday's Weather

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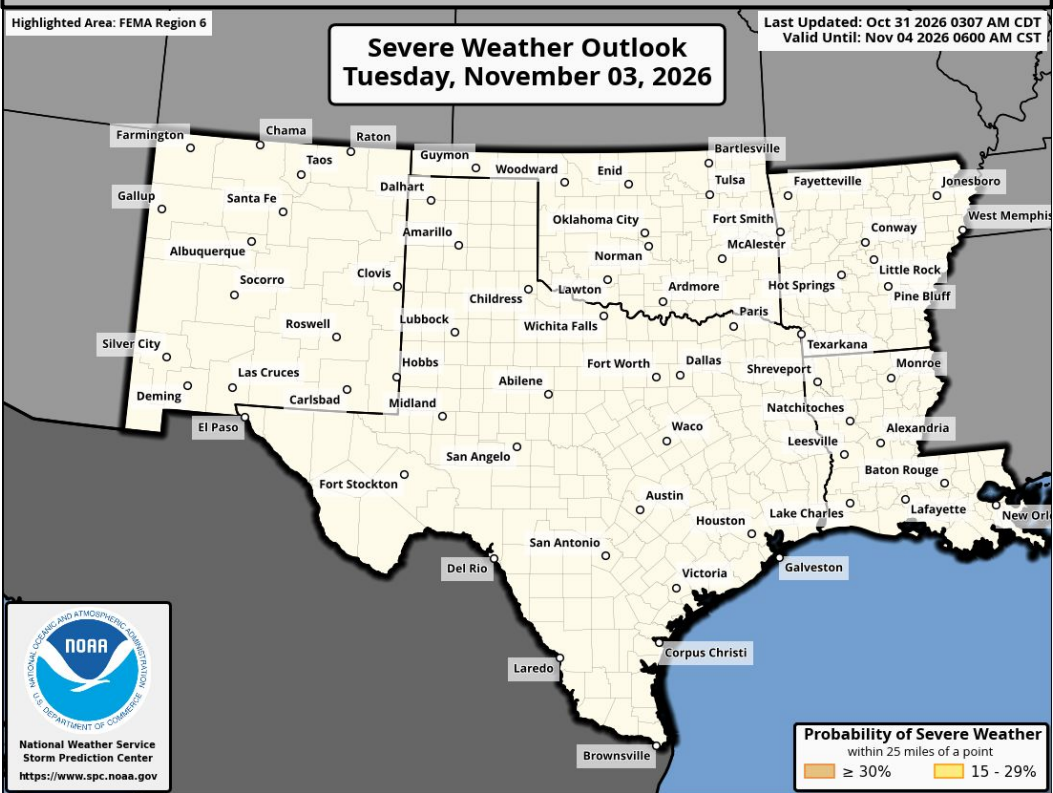
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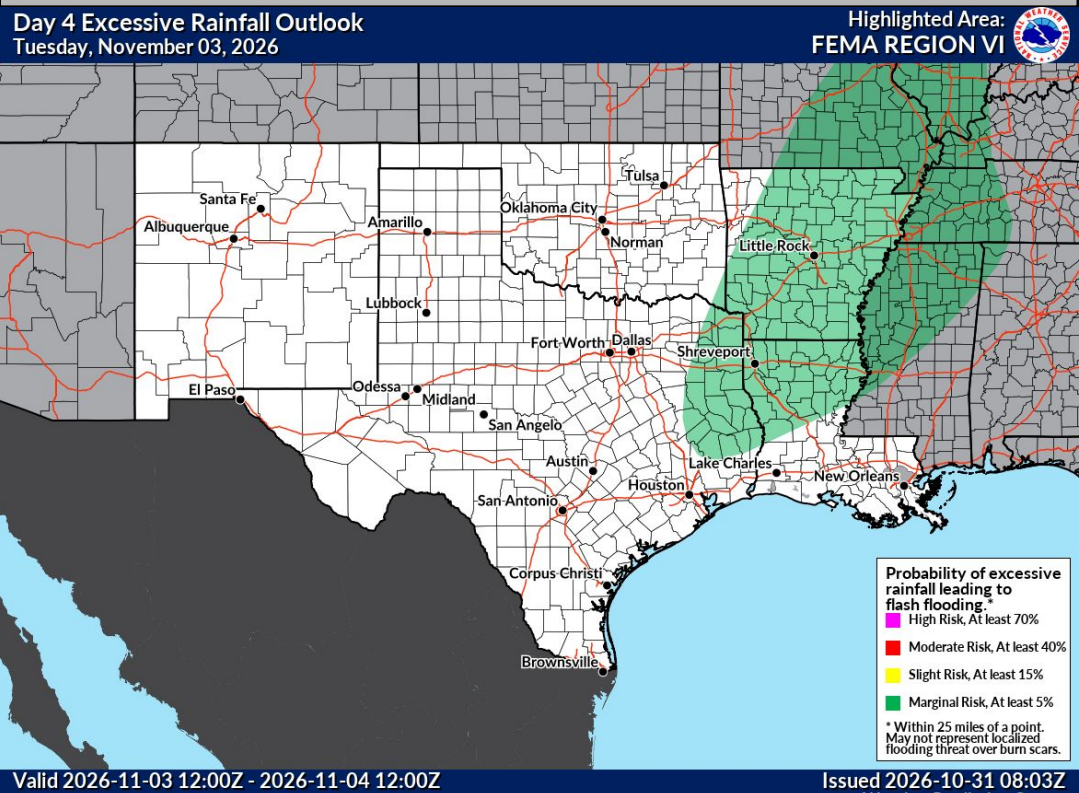
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook

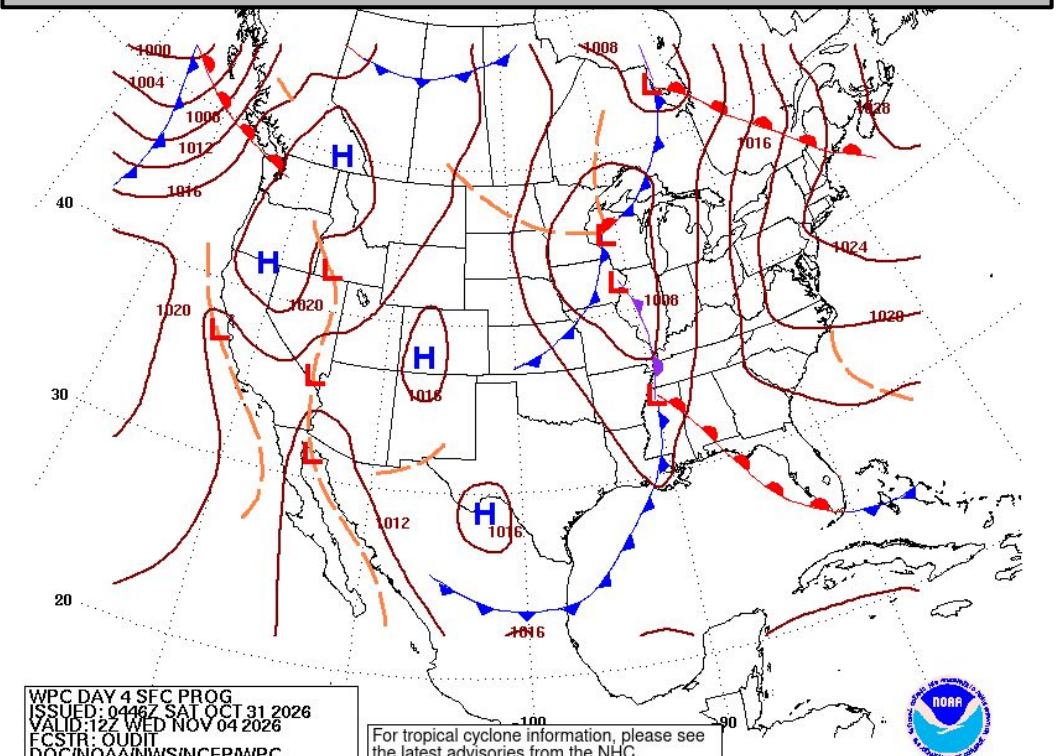


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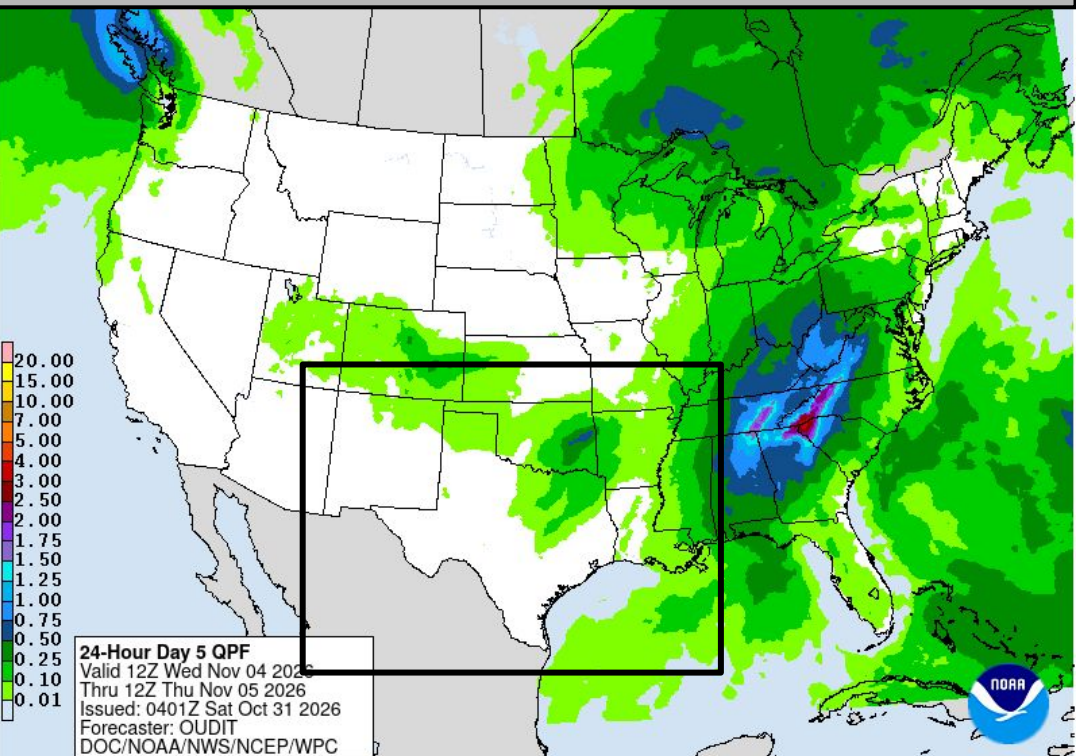


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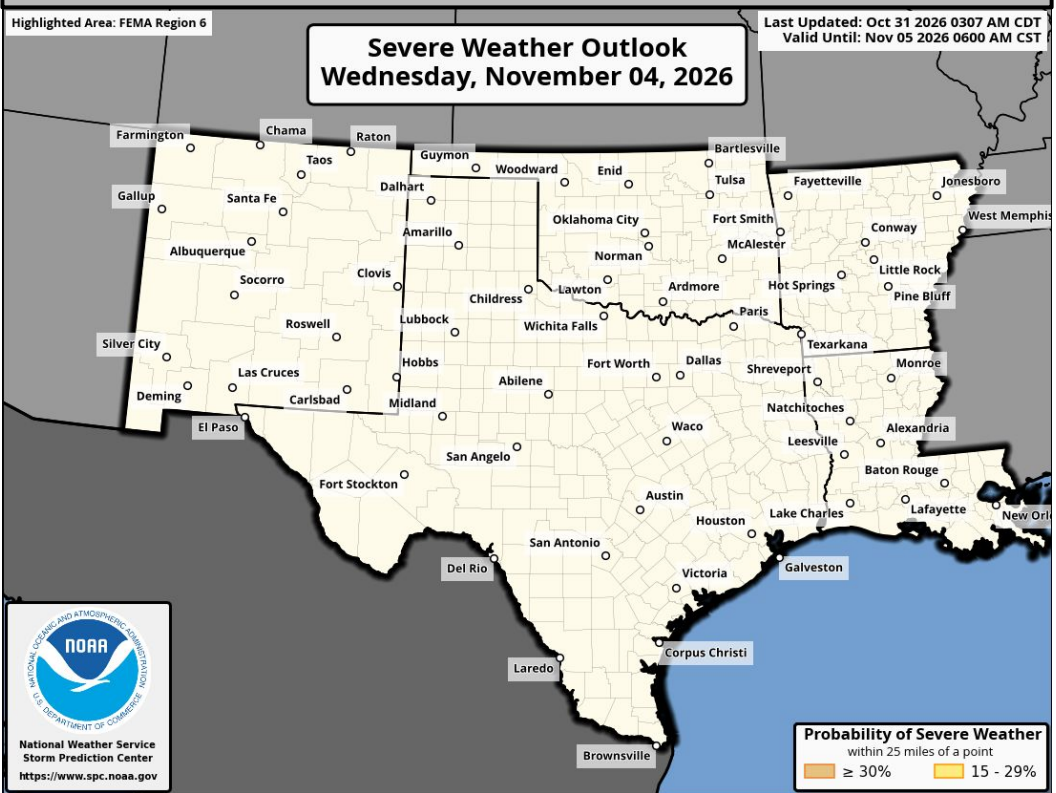


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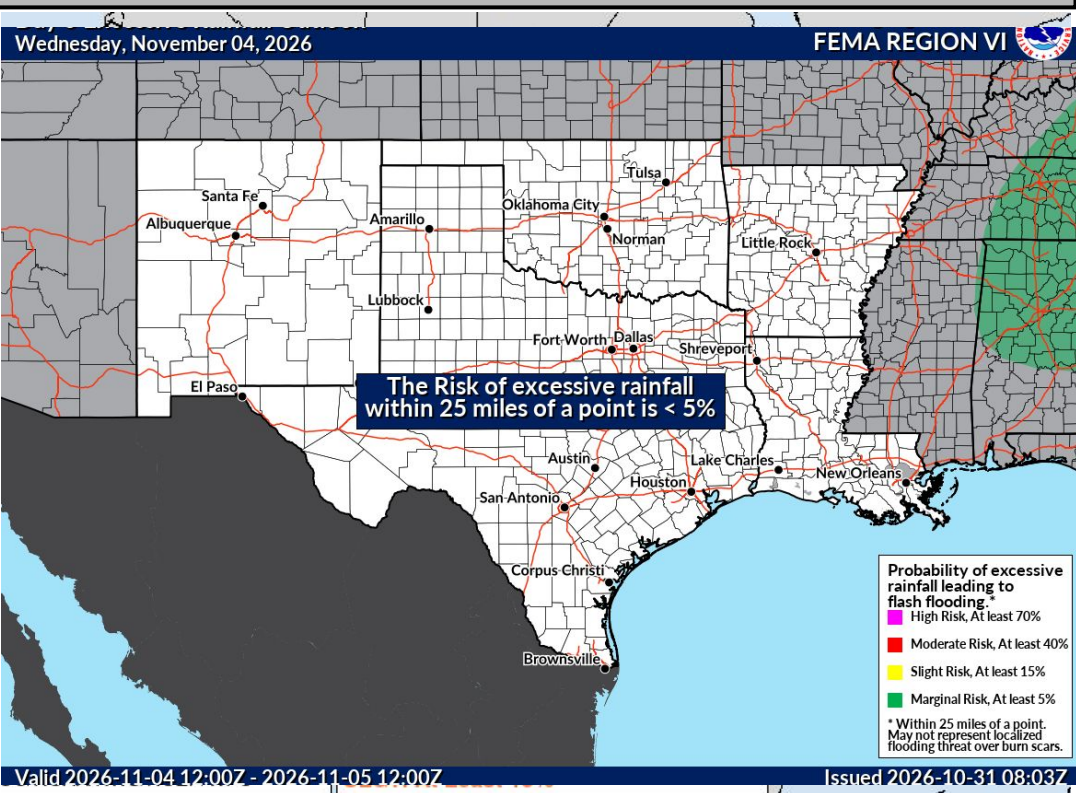


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Severe Weather Outlook



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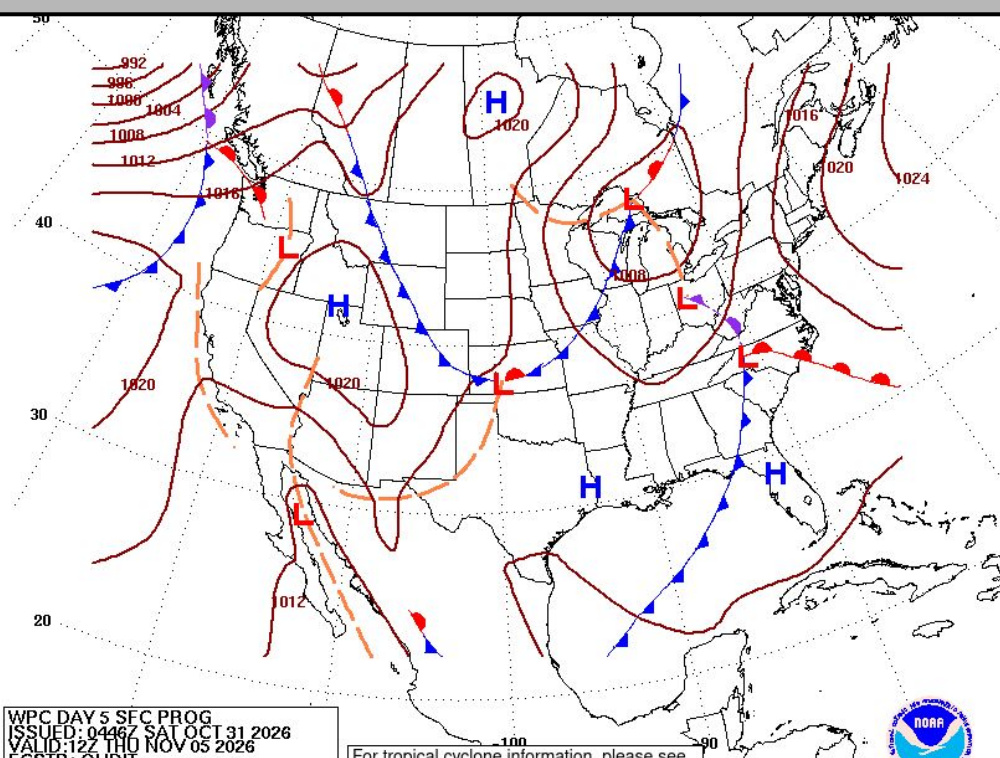


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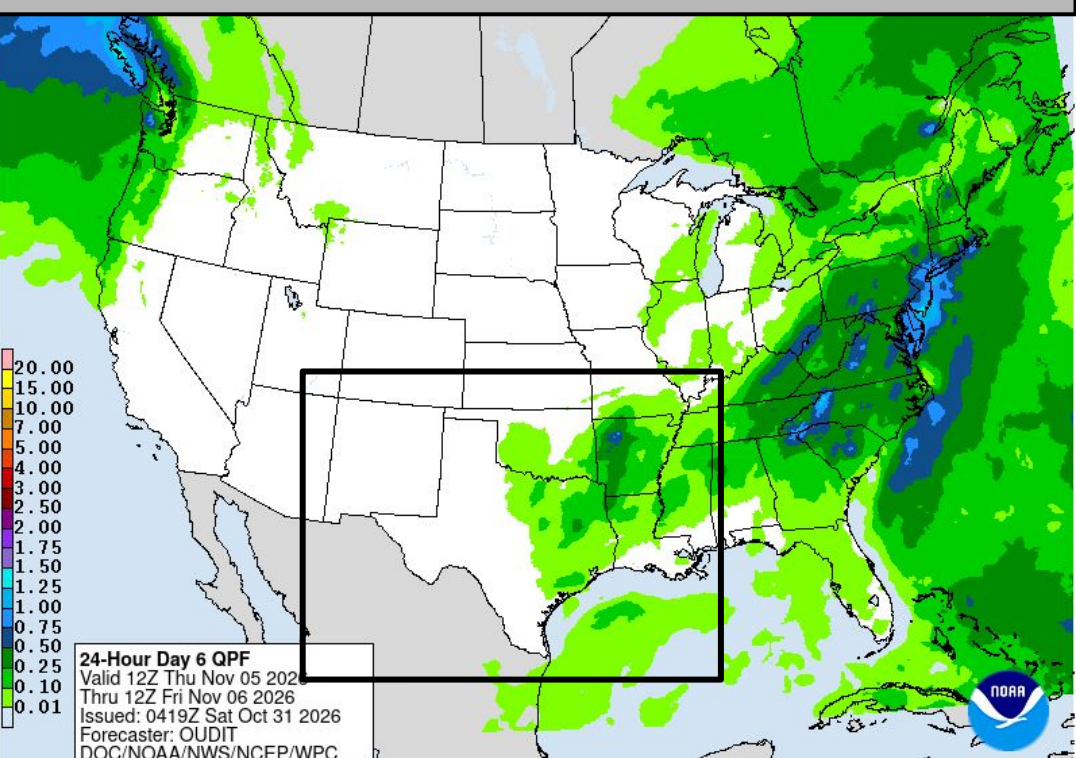


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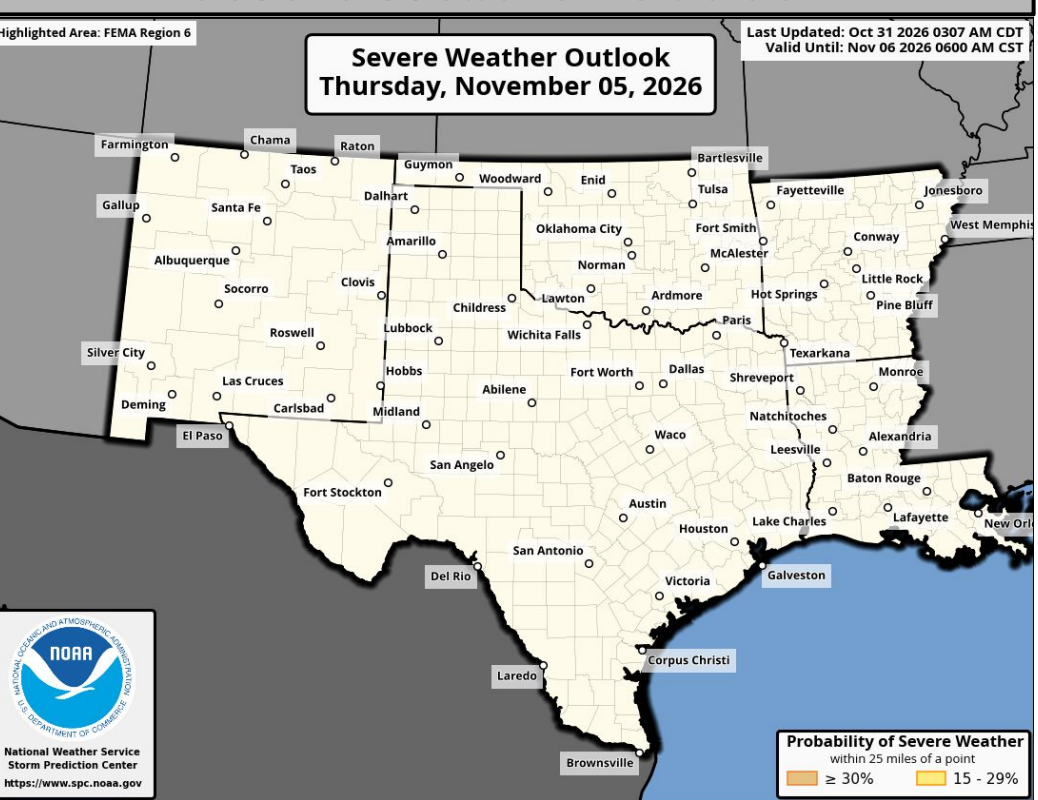


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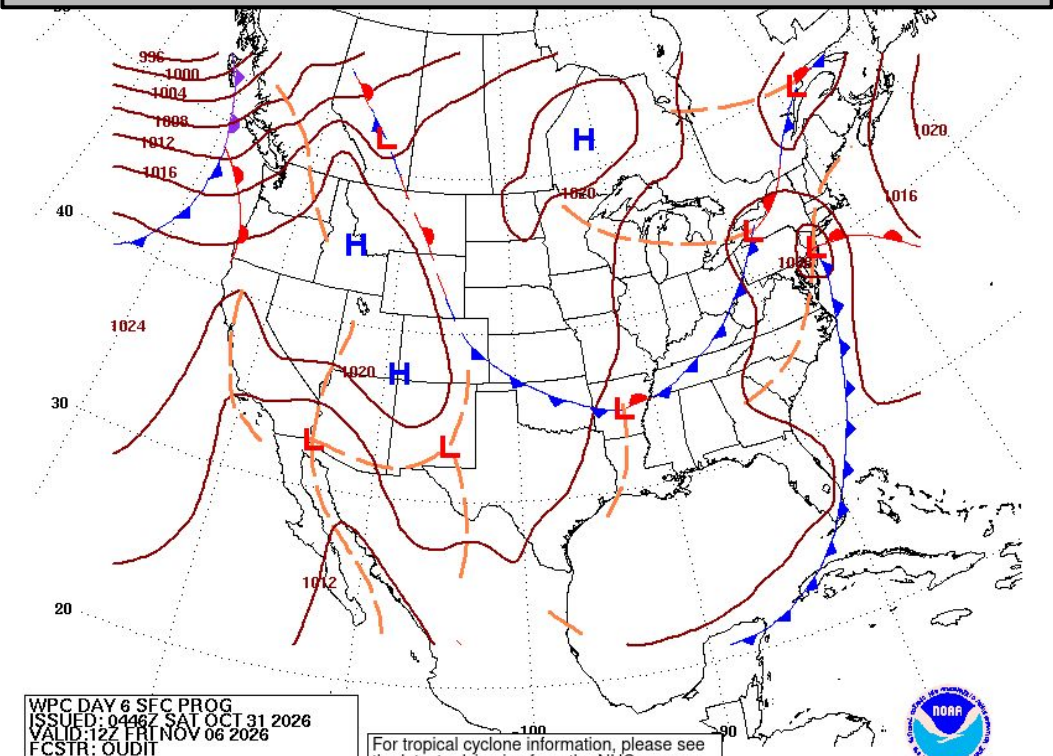


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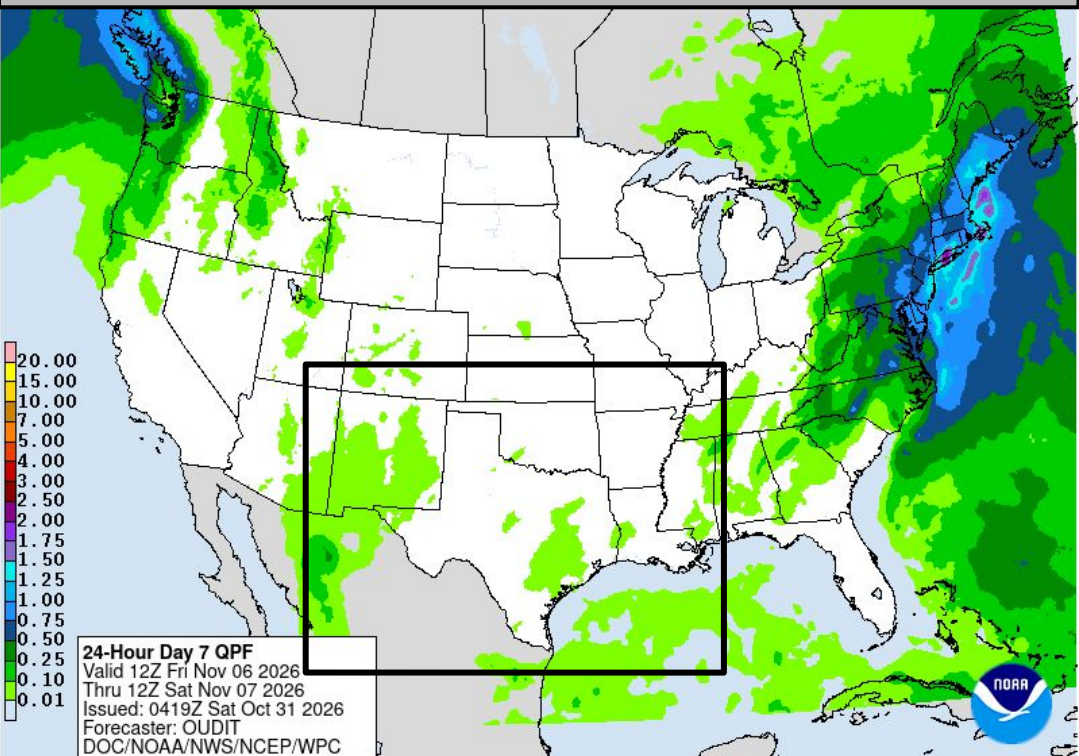


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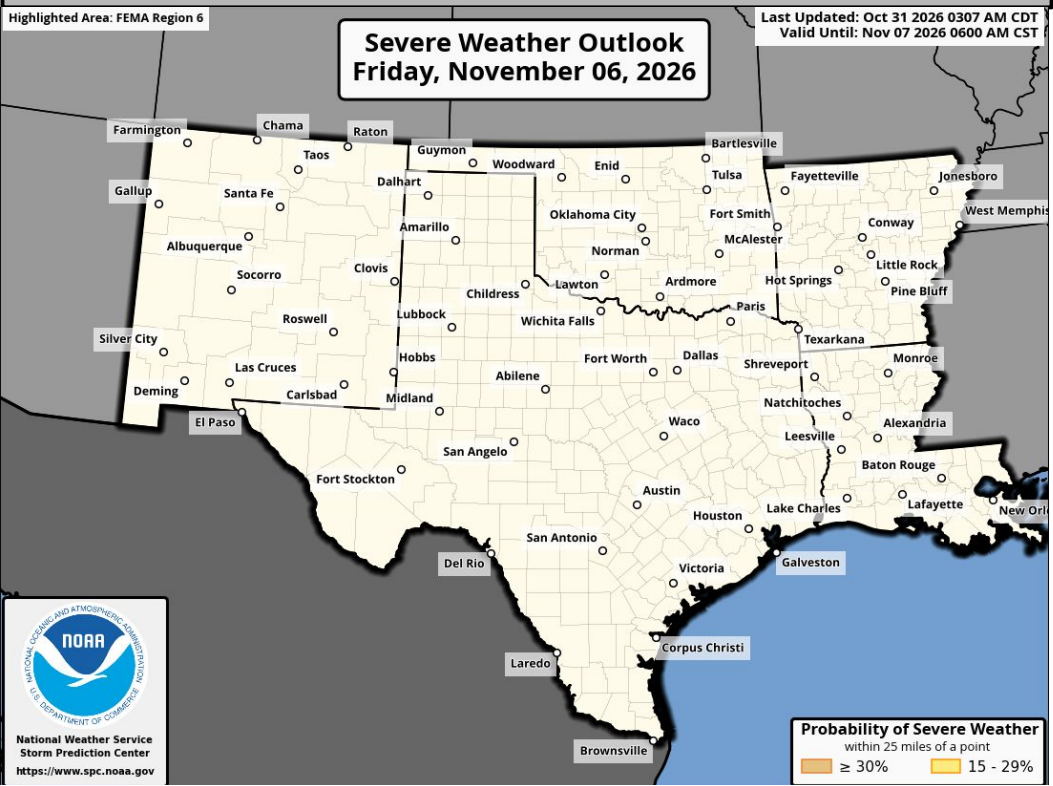


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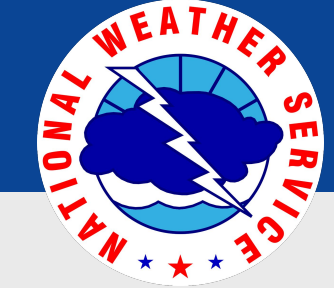
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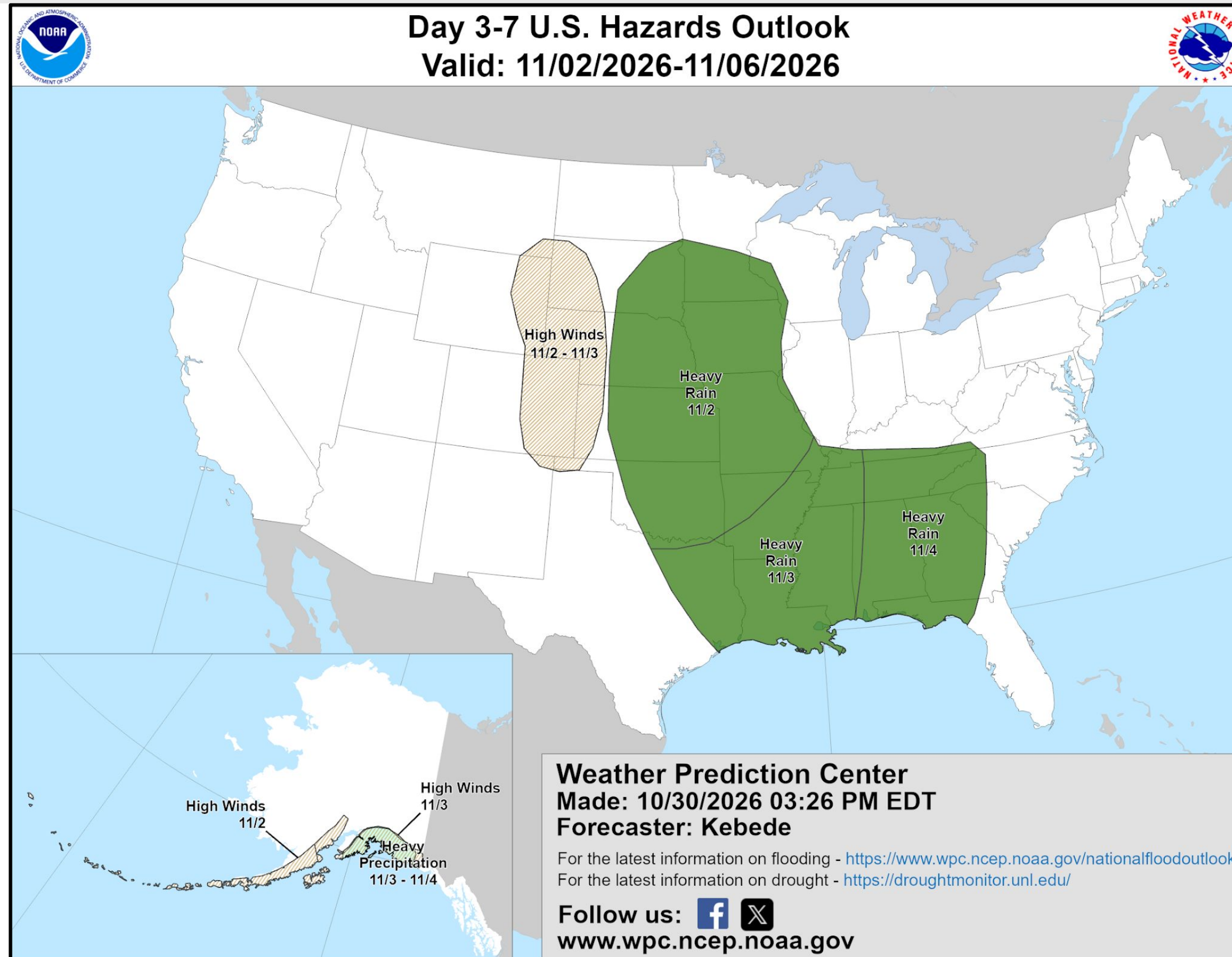


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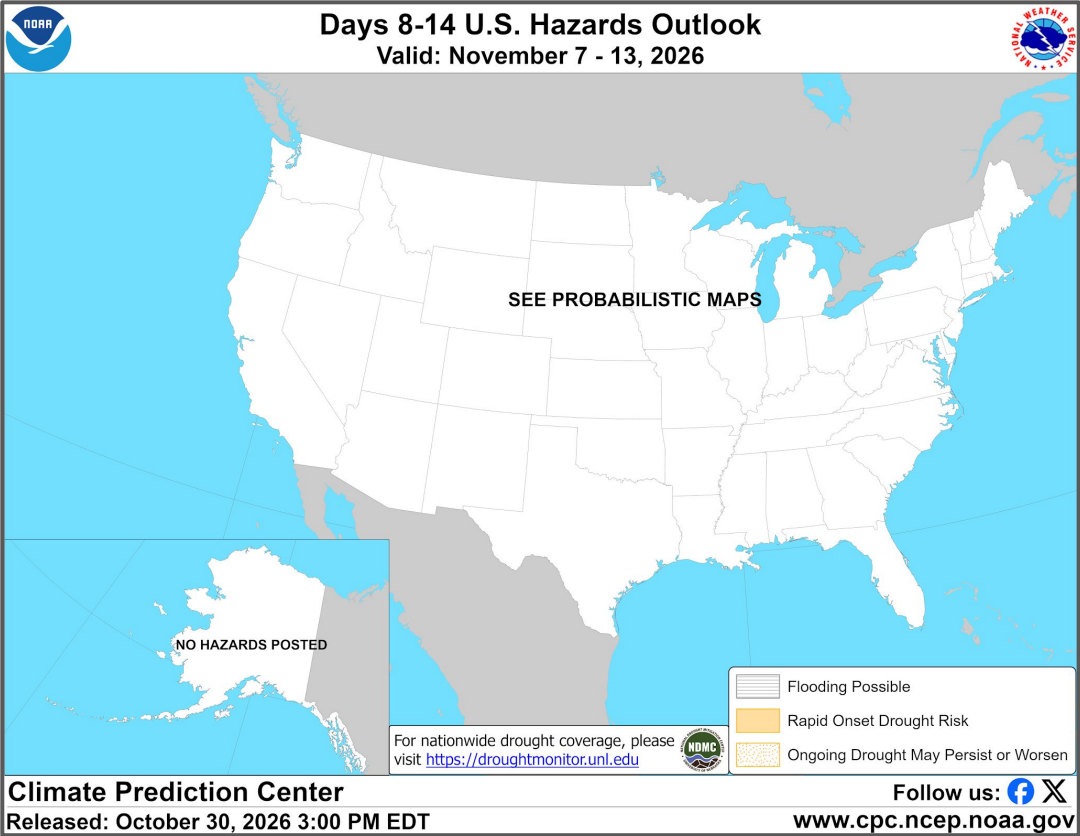
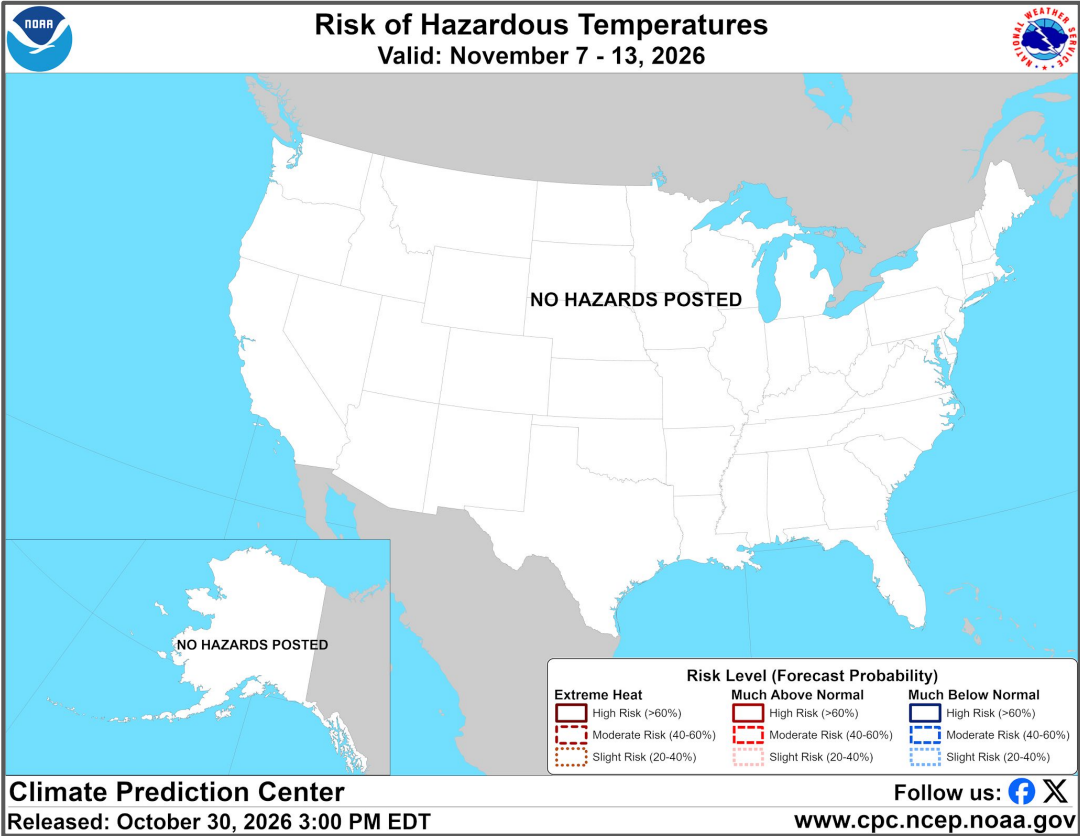
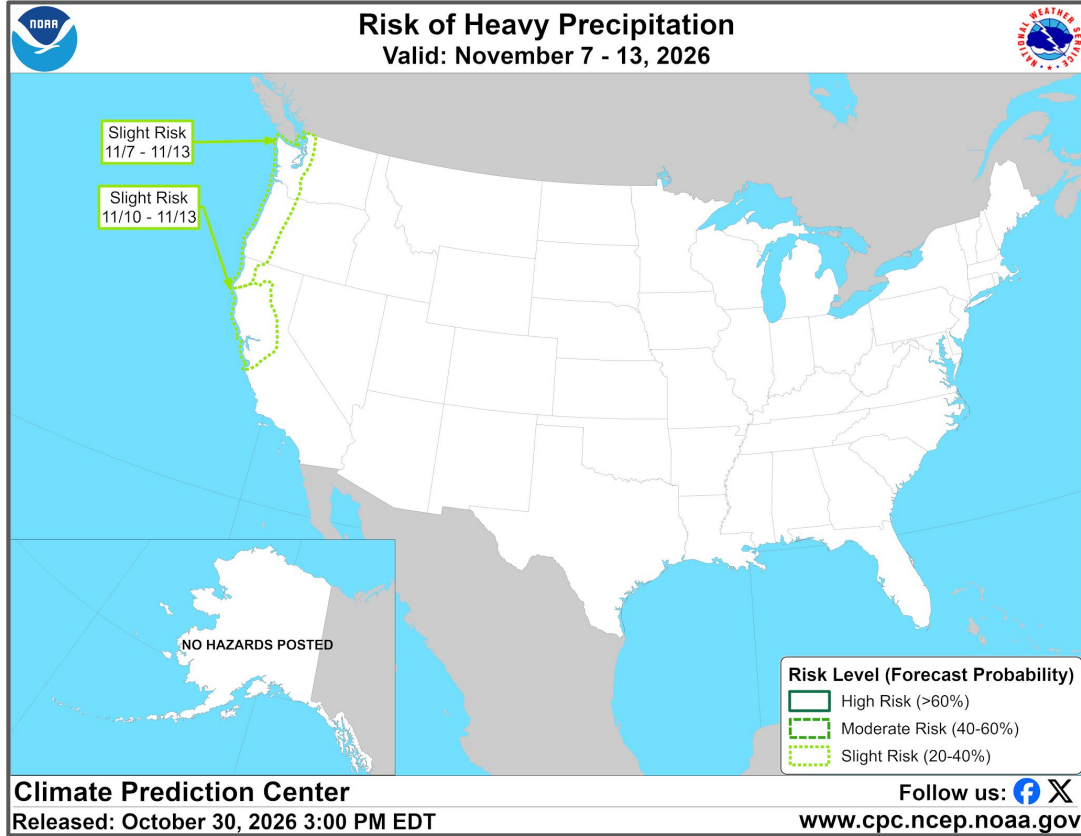
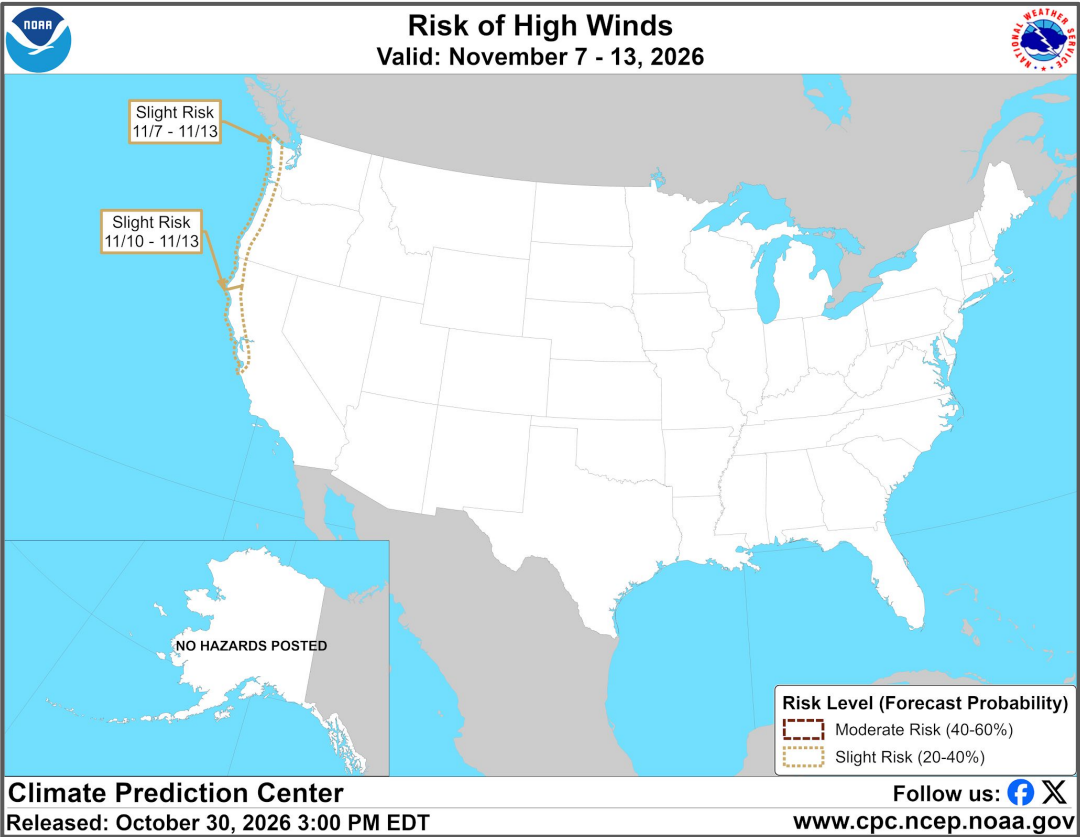
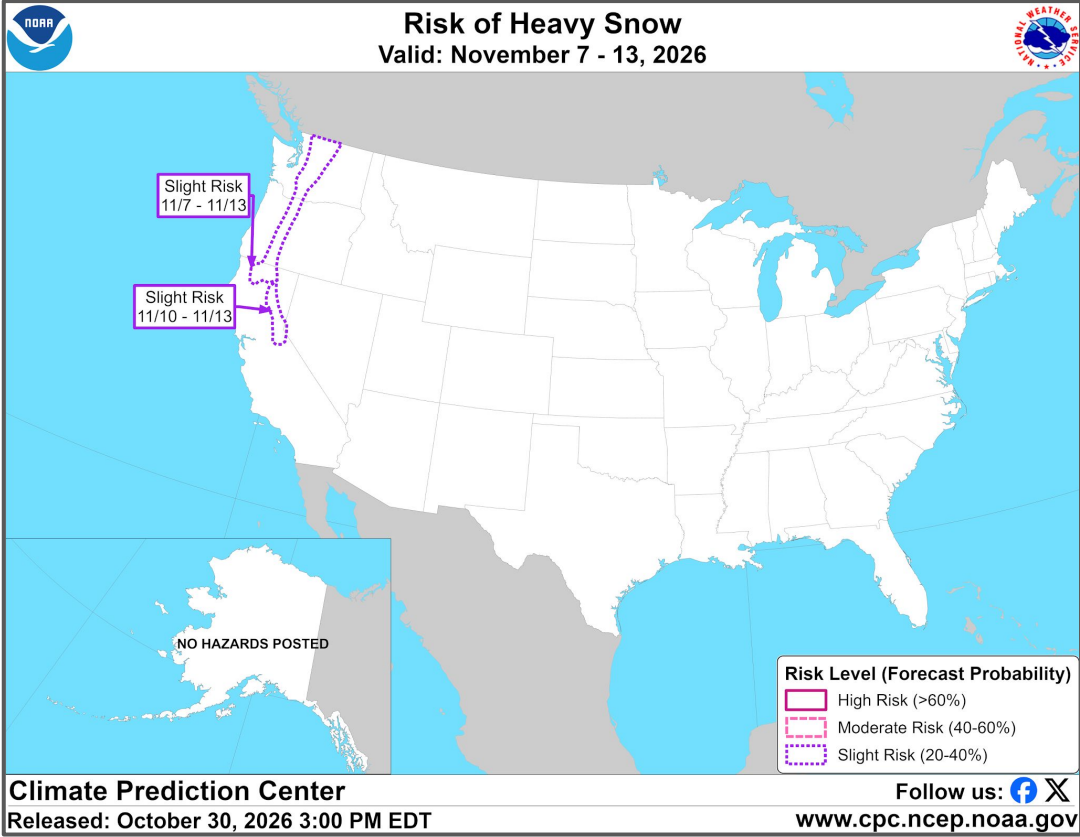


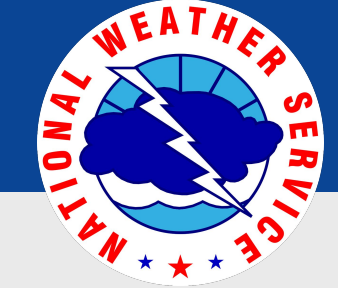
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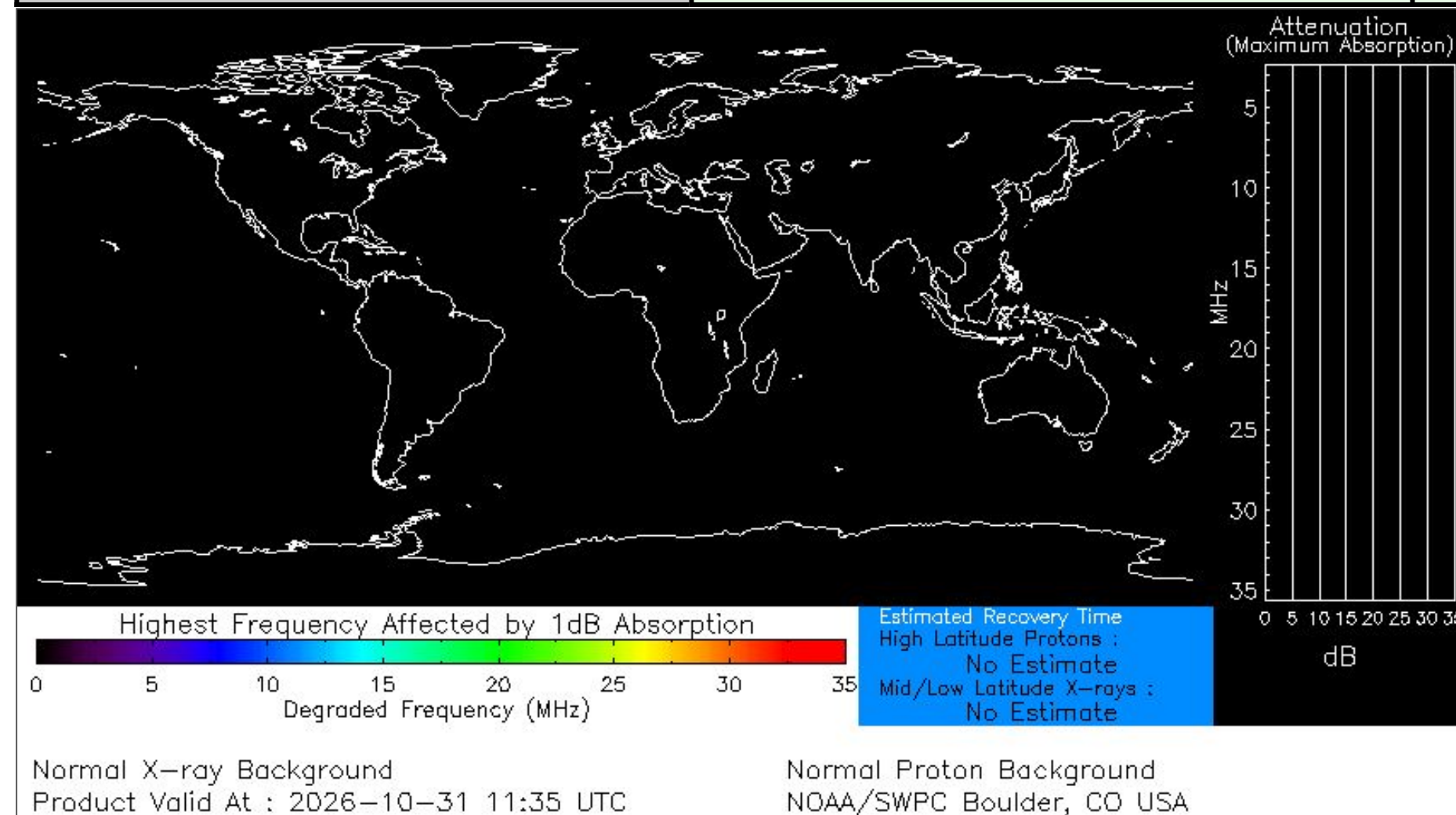
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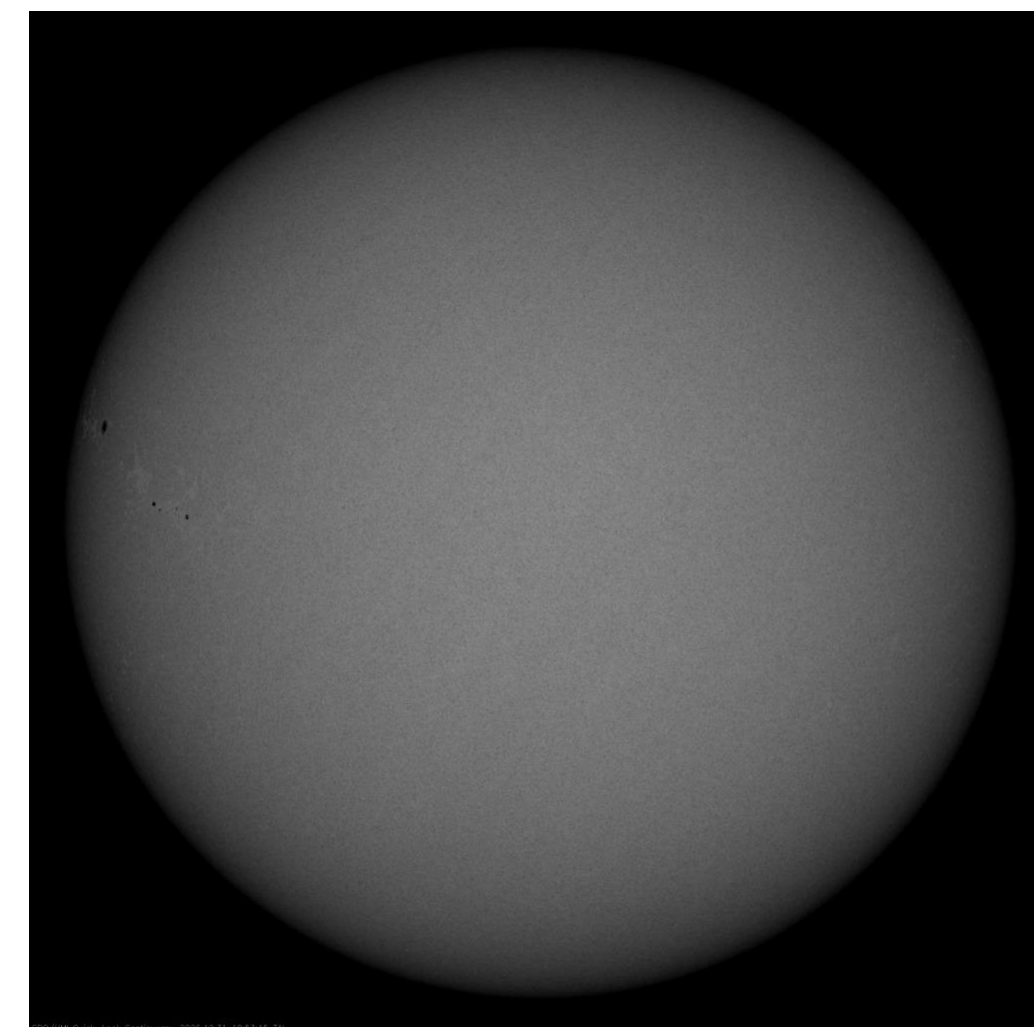
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

|                               | Saturday, Oct 31             | Sunday, Nov 1        | Monday, Nov 2           |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Geomagnetic Storms            | Minor G1 Storm<br>(Max Kp=5) | Active<br>(Max Kp=4) | Unsettled<br>(Max Kp=3) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 1%                           | 1%                   | 1%                      |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2)        | 1%                           | 1%                   | 1%                      |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5)        | 1%                           | 1%                   | 1%                      |



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)



## Weather “Threat” Matrix for FEMA Region VI

| Color  | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                         | Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Example(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Green  | <b>Little to None</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines                                      | Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas<br>Tropical: None<br>Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        |
| Yellow | <b>Minor</b><br>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life                                                     | Severe: Slight Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| Orange | <b>Moderate</b><br>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life                                | Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas<br>Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul> |
| Red    | <b>Major</b><br>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life                        | Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>                                    |
| Purple | <b>Extreme</b><br>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed<br>Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life | Severe: High Risk from SPC<br>Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations)<br>Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline<br>Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>                                                                |

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**  
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